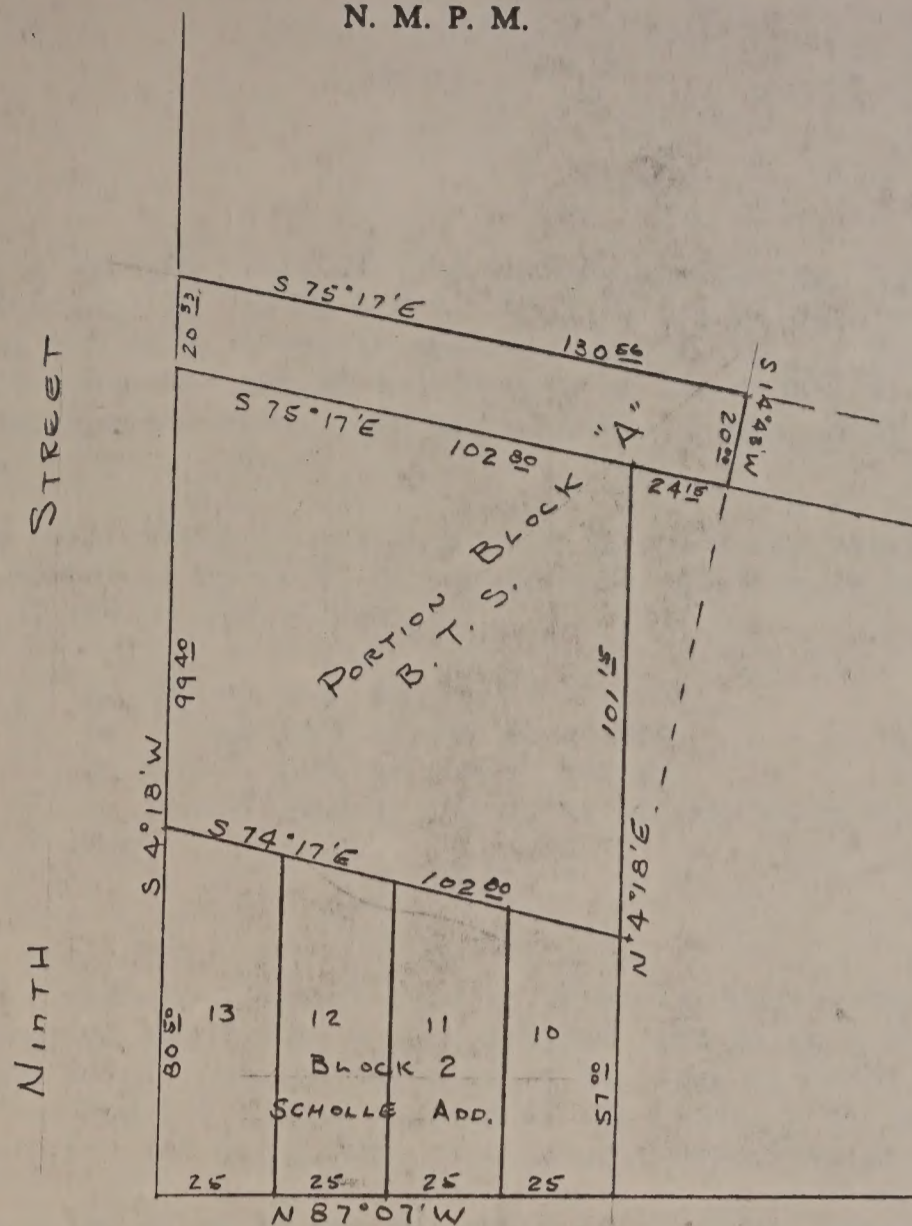


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Институт

SURVEY FOR First National Bank of Belen
COUNTY OF Valencia, STATE New Mexico
SEC. 18 TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 2 East
N. M. P. M.



I, F. G. Huffman, a registered Surveyor in the State of New Mexico do hereby certify that on the 5th day of Aug. '68 I did survey that piece of property more particularly described as follows:

as described on page 2

That no encroachments exist on said property, that to the best of my knowledge and belief all restrictions applicable to said property have been complied with and that the buildings thereon situate fall within the exterior boundaries thereof and in the manner set forth on the above inscribed plat.

F. G. Huffman

F. G. Huffman
N. M. Reg. No. 3145

SCALE 1"=50'

DATE 8-5-68

PHONE 864-7085
Box 836, Belen, New Mexico

SURVEY FOR First National Bank of Belen
COUNTY OF Valencia, STATE New Mexico
SEC. 18 TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 2 East
N. M. P. M.

Description of a certain tract of land in Valencia County, New Mexico, lying within Section 18, T 5 N, R 2 E, N.M.P.M. and being a portion of Block "A" of the Belen Townsite Addition to the Town of Belen New Mexico and within Map 100 of the Surveys of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and being more particularly described as follows,

Beginning at a point which is the SW corner of the tract herein described, whence the SW corner of Block 2, of the Scholle Addition to the Town of Belen bears S 4° 18' W, 179.90 feet,

Thence, S 75° 17' E, 126.95 feet to the SE corner,
Thence, N 14° 43' E, 20.00 feet to the NE corner,
Thence, N 75° 17' W, 130.56 feet to the NW corner,
Thence, S 4° 18' W, 20.33 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.059 acre.

Description of a certain tract of land in Valencia County, New Mexico, lying within Section 18, T 5 N, R 2 E, N.M.P.M. and being a portion of Block "A" of the Belen Townsite Addition to the Town of Belen, New Mexico and within Map 100 of the Surveys of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and being more particularly described as follows,

Beginning at a point which is the NW corner of the tract herein described, whence the SW corner of Block 2 of the Scholle Addition bears S 4° 18' W, 179.90 feet,

Thence, S 75° 17' E, 102.80 feet to the NE corner,
Thence, S 4° 18' W, 101.15 feet to the SE corner,
Thence, N 74° 17' W, 102.80 feet to the SW corner,
Thence, N 4° 18' E, 99.40 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.236 acre.

Description of a certain tract of land in Valencia County, New Mexico, lying within Section 18, T 5 N, R 2 E, N.M.P.M. and being lots 10, 11, 12 and 13, Block 2 of the Scholle Addition to the Town of Belen, New Mexico, and within Map 100 of the Surveys of the Middle Rio Grande conservancy District and being more particularly described as follows,

Beginning at a point which is the SW corner of the tract herein described, said point also being the SW corner of Block 2, Scholle Addition,
Thence, N 4° 18' E, 80.50 feet to the NW corner
Thence, S 74° 17' E, 102.80 feet to the NE corner,
Thence, S 4° 18' W, 57.00 feet to the SE corner,
Thence, N 87° 07' W, 100.00 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.157 acre

I, F. G. Huffman, a registered Surveyor in the State of New Mexico do hereby certify that on the 5th day of Aug. '68 I did survey that piece of property more particularly described as follows:
as described above

That no encroachments exist on said property, that to the best of my knowledge and belief all restrictions applicable to said property have been complied with and that the buildings thereon situate fall within the exterior boundaries thereof and in the manner set forth on the above inscribed plat.

F. G. Huffman
N. M. Reg. No. 3145

SCALE _____
DATE _____

PHONE 864-7085
Box 836, Belen, New Mexico

STATEMENT

In Account With

Valencia County Abstract and Title Company

Title Insurance P. O. Box 145
LOS LUNAS, NEW MEXICO
Office Phone TO 5-9851
Courthouse Phone TO 5-9851

Abstract of Title

Becker & Hales Co.
The First National Bank of Belen
Belen, New Mexico

Attn: Mr. John C. Johnson

1968
Aug. 28

Owner's Policy #00496
Recording Fees
Total Balance Due

\$62.00
8.75
\$63.75

170 75

(Portion Block "A" Belen Townsite Addn)

In re: Public Service Co. of N.M.

PLEASE RECEIPT & RETURN

Terms Cash

Received Payment

Paid 9/4/68

WARRANTY DEED

15426

(alley way)
Belen Town and Improvement Co., Inc. a Corporation, for consideration paid, grant
to Becker Dalies Company, a Corporation

the following described real estate in Valencia County, New Mexico:

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lying within Section 18, T 5 N, R 2 E, N.M.P.M. and being a portion of
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and within Map 100 of the Surveys of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy
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Thence, S 4° 18' W, 20.33 feet to the point of beginning and
containing 0.059 acre.

with warranty covenants.

WITNESS our hand S and seal this 20th day of August, 1968

BELEN TOWN AND IMPROVEMENT CO., INC.

ATTEST: (Seal) by *L. C. Becker* (Seal) President

Edmund S. Leopold
Secretary (Seal)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR NATURAL PERSONS

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF

ss.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this day of 19

by (Name or Names of Person or Persons Acknowledging)

My commission expires:
(Seal)

Notary Public

ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR CORPORATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF Valencia

ss.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 20th day of August, 1968

by L. C. Becker (Name of Officer)
President of Belen Town & Improv. Co., Inc. (Name of Corporation Acknowledging)

a state corporation, on behalf of said corporation.
(State of Incorporation)

My commission expires:
(Seal) 6-12-72

Mary Sanford
Notary Public

FOR RECORDER'S USE ONLY

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State of New Mexico }
County of Valencia } SS

This instrument was filed for record on

3:34 AUG 28 1968

At o'clock p.m. Recorded in Vol. 196
of records of said County Folio 830

LUCY O. KEYS, County Clerk

Aurora Chang Deputy Clerk
Fee 1.75 Rec. # 10583

STATEMENT

In Account With

Valencia County Abstract and Title Company

Title Insurance

P. O. Box 145
LOS LUNAS, NEW MEXICO
Office Phone TO 5-9651
Courthouse Phone TO 5-9851

Abstract of Title

~~Becker Dalies Company~~

~~670~~ First National Bank of Belen
Belen, New Mexico-87002

1968
Aug. 28

Owner's Policy #00495
Recording Fees
Total Balance Due

\$92.00

~~8.75~~

~~\$100.75~~

\$93.75

PLEASE RECEIPT & RETURN

(Lots 10, 11, 12 & 13 Block 2 Scholle
Addition)

In re: Public Service of N.M.

Terms Cash

Received Payment

Paid 9/4/68 [Signature]

WARRANTY DEED

16423

Belen Town and Improvement Co., Inc. a Corporation, for consideration paid, grant to Becker Dalies Company, a Corporation

the following described real estate in Valencia County, New Mexico:

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Thence, N 4° 18' E, 99.40 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.236 acre.

with warranty covenants.

WITNESS our hands and seal this 20th day of August, 1968

(Seal) BELEN TOWN AND IMPROVEMENT CO., INC. (Seal)

ATTEST: Edwin H. Lenford, Secretary by L. C. Becker, President (Seal) (Seal)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR NATURAL PERSONS

STATE OF NEW MEXICO }
COUNTY OF } ss.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this day of 1968 by (Name or Names of Person or Persons Acknowledging)

My commission expires: (Seal)

Notary Public

ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR CORPORATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO }
COUNTY OF Valencia } ss.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 20th day of August, 1968 by L. C. Becker (Name of Officer)

President of Belen Town & Improvement Co., Inc. (Title of Officer) (Name of Corporation Acknowledging)
a state corporation, on behalf of said corporation (State of Incorporation)

My commission expires: (Seal) 6-12-72

Mary [Signature] Notary Public

FOR RECORDER'S USE ONLY

State of New Mexico } INDEXED
County of Valencia } ss.
This instrument was filed for record on 3:31 AUG 28 1968
At... o'clock P.m. Recorded in Vol. 196
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LUCY O. KEYS, County Clerk
Deputy Clerk
Fee 1.75 Rec. # 10583

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WARRANTY DEED

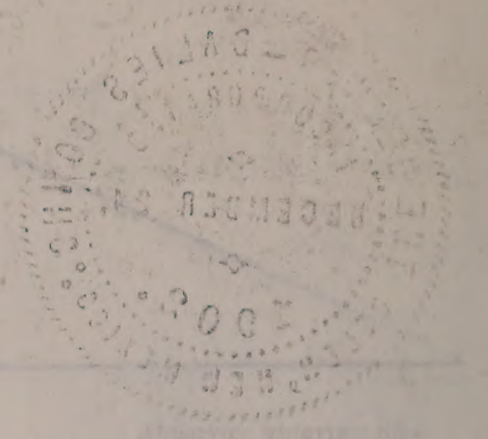
Belton Town and Improvement Co., Inc. a Corporation
Becker Dallas Company, a Corporation

Valencia

Description of a certain tract of land in Valencia County, New Mexico,
lying within Section 18, T. 2 N., R. 2 E., W. 4 E., and being a portion of
Block "A" of the Belton Township Addition to the Town of Belton, New
Mexico and within map 100 of the Survey of the Middle Rio Grande
Conservancy District and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point which is the NW corner of the tract herein described,
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170.00 feet,

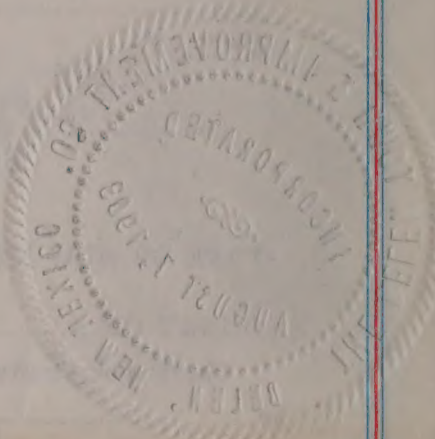
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Thence, S 40° 18' W, 101.12 feet to the SE corner,
Thence, N 74° 12' W, 102.80 feet to the SW corner,
Thence, N 40° 18' E, 99.40 feet to the point of beginning and
containing 0.233 acres.



WITNESS OUR HANDS this 20th day of August 1968

BELETON TOWN AND IMPROVEMENT CO., INC.

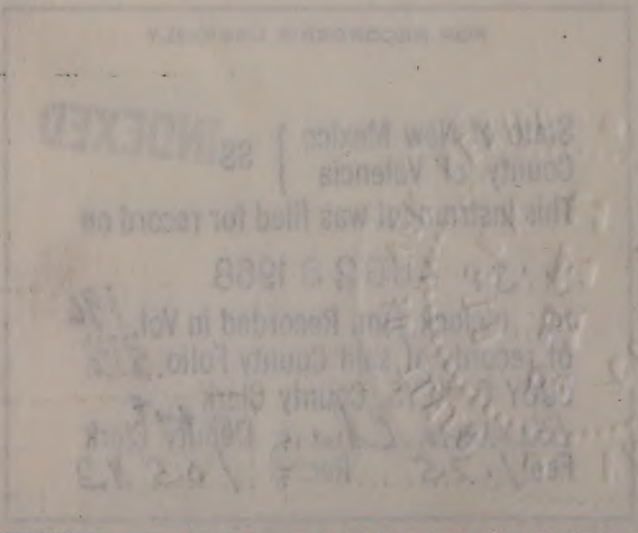
by [Signature] (seal) by [Signature] (seal)
President Secretary
ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR NATURAL PERSONS



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF Valencia



by [Signature] (seal) by [Signature] (seal)
L. C. Hooper
President Secretary
ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR CORPORATION





THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BELEN

MAIN OFFICE
P.O. BOX 4, BELEN, NEW MEXICO

September 6, 1968

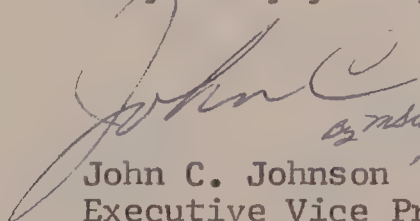
JOHN C. JOHNSON
Executive Vice President

Mr. Austin Lovett
Becker-Dalies Company
P. O. Box 564
Belen, New Mexico

Dear Austin:

We enclose two warranty deeds from the Belen Town and Improvement Company to Becker Dalies Company; for your records. We also enclose your statement from Valencia County Abstract & Title Company, which has been stamped paid.

Very truly yours,


John C. Johnson
Executive Vice President

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Enc.

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Mr. Arthur J. Lee
1000 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Enclosed for Mr. Lee are two copies of the report of the Commission on the Causes and Prevention of the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, dated May 19, 1964. The report is being furnished to you for your information and for the information of the President and the Vice President.

Very truly yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

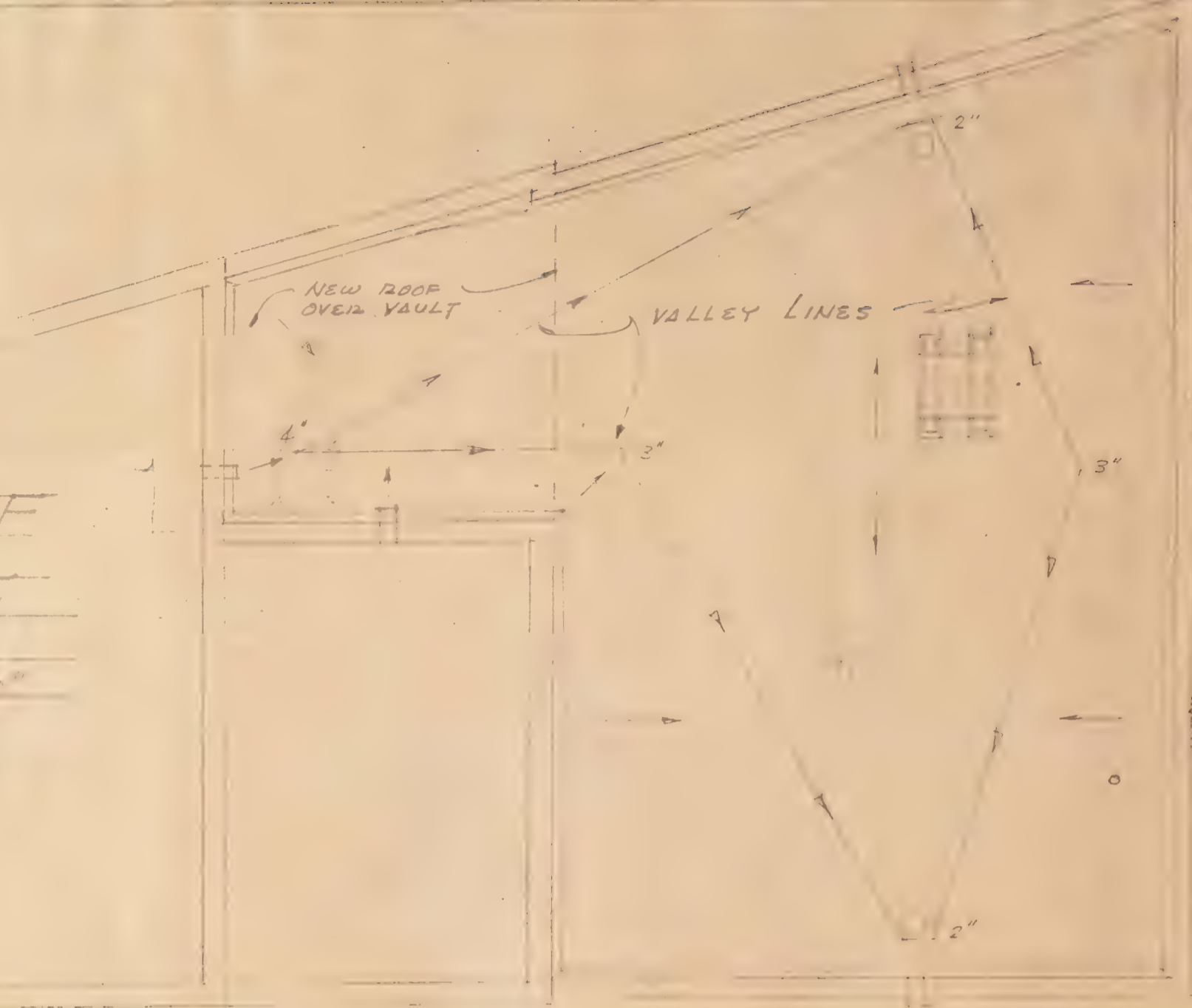
DETAILS FOR NEW
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1950

OLD 1914 1ST NAT. BANK

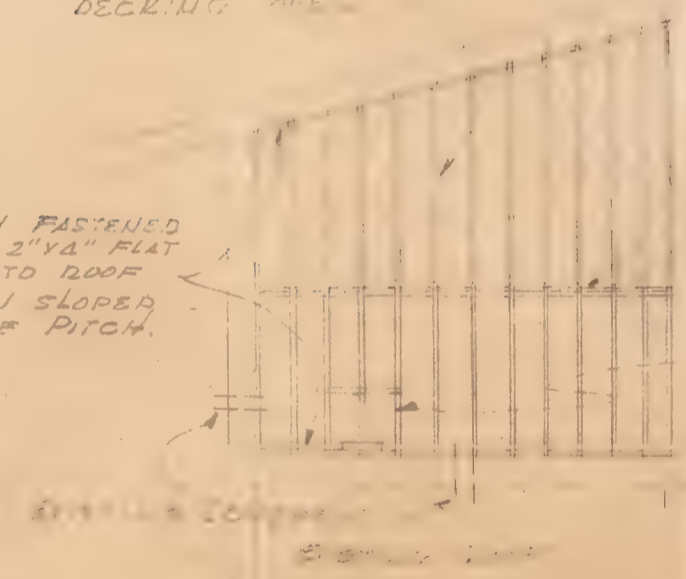
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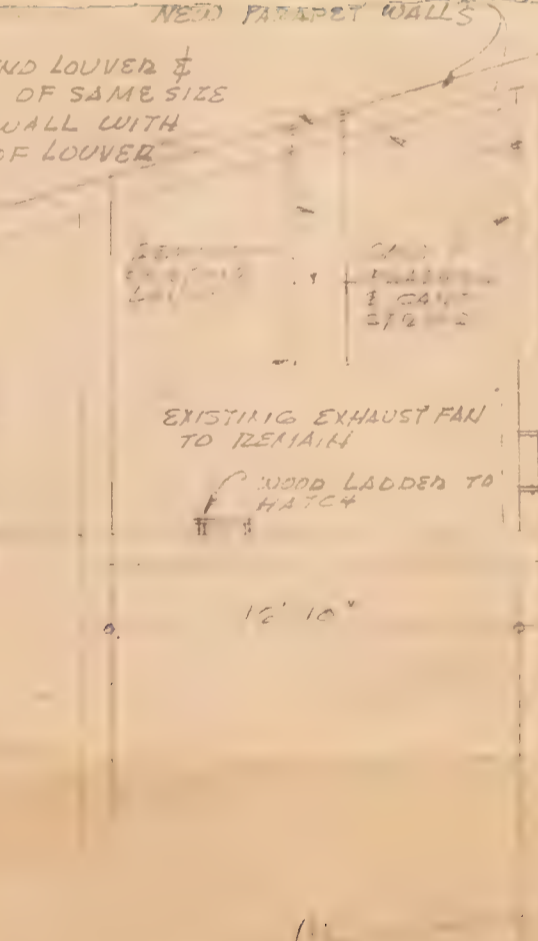
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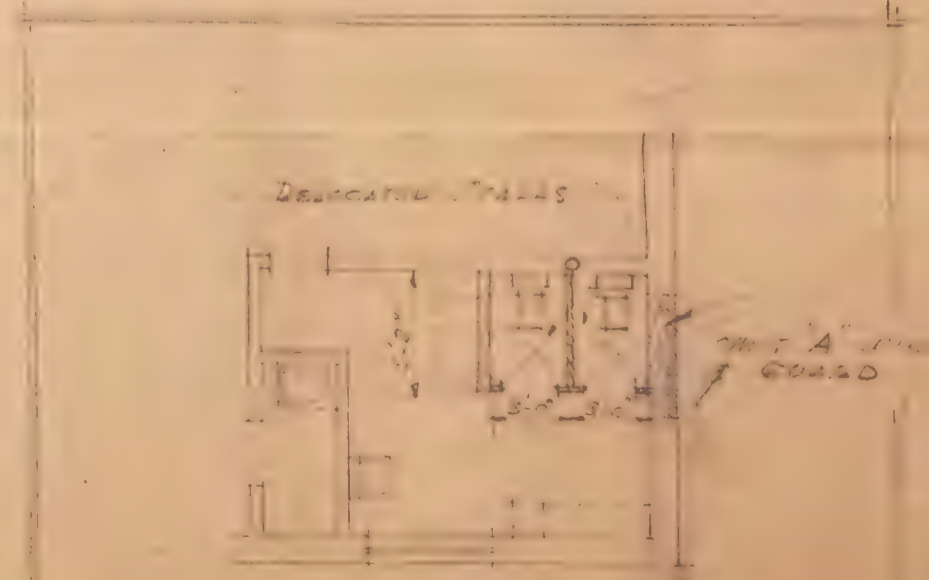
REMOVE EXISTING END LOUVER & PROVIDE NEW DUCT OF SAME SIZE TO EXTERIOR OF WALL WITH NEW WEATHER-PROOF LOUVER

NEED PARAPET WALLS



PLAN OF EXISTING VAULT ROOF

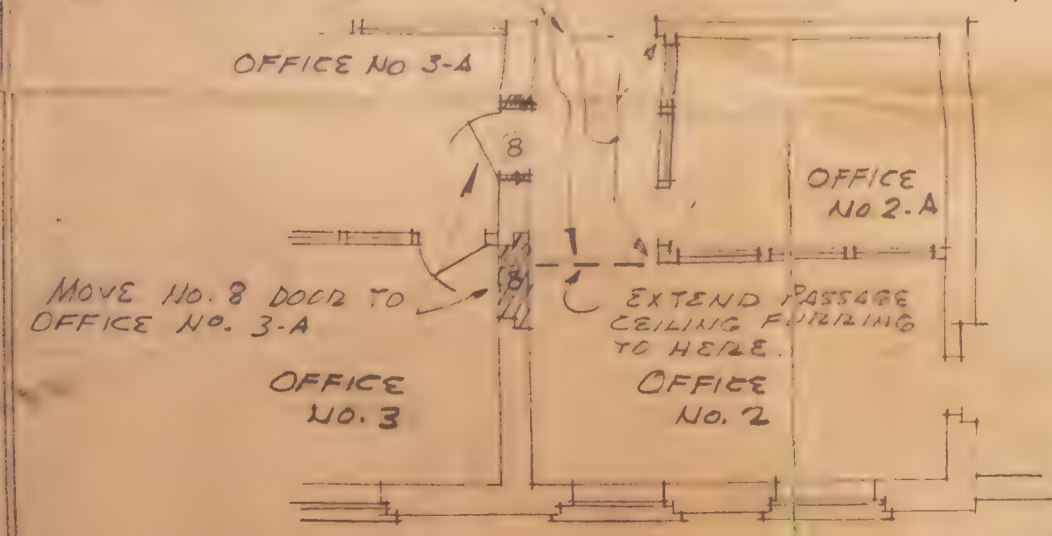
NEW ROOF FRAMING PLAN



REVISED PLAN VOLUME 1 ROOM

NOTE: DUCT TO EXTEND TO NEW LOCATION OF FURRED CEILING LINE

EXTEND BANK RAIL TO CEILING, MET. LATH & PLASTER



REVISED PARTITION-CEILING & DOOR IN OFFICE NO. 2 & 2-A

1950 ADDITION & ALTERATIONS TO
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
BELEN, NEW MEXICO
FIELD DRAWING FOR REVISIONS
MADE FOR
MEEM, ZEHNER, HOLLEN AND ASSOCIATES
ARCHITECTS
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

DRAWN BY
E.H.H.
CON'T.
SUPERVISOR
DATE
9-11-50
FILE NO.
497-B
SHEET NO.
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THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BELEN

In view of the rather strong interest exhibited by New Mexicans in the history of the State, it is strange so little is written which concerns itself directly with the economic history, the story of how its economic development came about. There is an abundance of historical narratives dealing with Indian wars and customs, with gun men, bad men and conquest. The history of banks as separately identifiable, specialized institutions, came late compared with the relatively long history of conquest and settlement of the area known as New Mexico.

It is known the larger merchants acted as bankers for their merchandise customers, and others. The activity of the "merchant bankers" alleviated the most immediate needs for banking services. Given the special characteristics of the frontier, these "bankers" probably fulfilled the needs more effectively and economically than specialized institutions could have. To some extent the efficiency with which these merchants carried out these banking functions may have actually delayed the coming of banks to New Mexico.

John Becker was such a merchant. Establishing his mercantile business in 1877, the business grew to house the Post Office (he was post master for 40 years) and a forage agency. Supplying the needs of the area, he built up a complete mercantile center, and served the need for some "banking functions".

John Becker accepted funds from individuals, ranchers and farmers from their annual sales of wool, sheep, cattle, hay and grain, opening up individual accounts, paying interest on the balances, and allowing withdrawals by a printed draft on John Becker paid through his bank in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, or later Belen. This practice was continued until 1928.

On January 28, 1903, John Becker and his associates; Joshua Raynolds, Herbert Raynolds, John Raynolds, Matthew Flournoy, and Robert E. Frost, who were all experienced bankers from New Mexico and El Paso received a national bank charter and opened for business March 18, 1903 in a small wire cage in the rear of the John Becker Store. With a required capital of \$25,000.00 plus a surplus of \$2,500.00, the Board of Directors appointed Matthew Flournoy as President, and Robert E. Frost, Cashier. Both were skilled in banking practices and the installing of proper books and records. On opening day the bank had 38 depositors opening accounts totaling \$5,365.65.

Soon the Comptroller of the Currency (Treasury Department of the U. S. A.) urged that this Territorial Bank be moved out of the Becker Store to a separate location. On January 4, 1904, the bank and all its records was moved to a building north of the store, which was later to become known as Dr. E. G. Brentari's dental office.

In 1907 a new building was authorized. Due to the depression at that time, it was not until later that the building to cost \$10,000.00 was completed. A grand opening was held April 20, 1914.

Until 1927 a national bank could issue national currency printed in its own name, to be signed by two officers. This national bank currency (notes) was ordered from the United States Mint, through the Federal Reserve System. Orders were placed for all denominations of bills, \$20.00, \$10.00, \$5.00. They arrived in unregistered mail, five bills of each denomination to a page, each to be signed in black ink by the President, and Cashier, or a Vice President, then cut into separate bills with a long pair of scissors and turned over to the tellers to be used in the regular daily business. These signed bills became collectors items, and are prized possessions of any one fortunate enough to own one. These were the large (saddle blanket) bills, and in 1929 the government reduced the size of all currency. Only a few of this bank's smaller bills were issued. When the present remodeling is completed, some of these bills will be on display to be viewed by the public.

The great depression in the 1930's was a trying time for the banks and all the citizens of the country. A "bank holiday" was proclaimed by President Roosevelt closing all banks temporarily on March 6, 1933, ceasing all business for a period of about a week. This bank complied with the order, but the front door remained open, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The whole staff along with President Becker remained on duty to assure everyone that this was a temporary happening only. Mr. Becker stated this was a great country and Congress would straighten everything out, and the country would be stronger than ever! Also, he stated that this bank was solvent, and when it was allowed to re-open, anyone desiring his money could come and get it. No idle comment! A large amount of cash was brought up from the Federal Reserve Bank at El Paso for such an emergency. It is recalled that only about a dozen came in to close accounts. In a very short time, this extra cash was returned to the Federal Reserve Bank. President Becker was overwhelmed, proud, and grateful for this fine display of confidence in this institution.

Since 1903 there have been five Presidents with several top ranking officers. In 1903 Matthew Flournoy, President with Robert E. Frost, Cashier; 1905 John Becker with L. C. Becker, Cashier; 1932 L. C. Becker with H. N. Culver, Cashier; 1962 L. C. Becker with John C. Johnson, Executive Vice President;

1971 John C. Johnson with James H. Foley, Executive Vice President; 1981 James H. Foley with William H. Sultmeier, Executive Vice President.

The bank has expanded its facilities, opening several branches. They were opened only on completion of extensive surveys as to the need for each facility had been made to the Treasury Department, and approved.

Upon receiving a telegram April 9, 1961, authorizing the immediate opening of a branch at Mountainair, C. A. Boliver arrived in Mountainair with a truck load of furniture, supplies and a bag of money to open three days later in a rented building April 12, 1961.

The Los Lunas Branch opened in a new building October 2, 1961 with Ralph J. Spillers as Manager and C. A. Boliver Assistant Vice President and Assistant Manager.

Moriarty Branch opened July 17, 1964 in a rented building, with Robert T. McNiel as Manager. Later a new building was erected and dedicated December 13, 1971. Bosque Farms opened April 3, 1967 in a new building with Eddy DeAnda as Manager. The Branch at Rio Communities Estates opened March 20, 1973 with Mrs. Helen Kirby as Manager.

In 1933 the Congress passed a banking act authorizing all banks that could qualify to have their accounts insured, under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. This bank qualified immediately. All deposits continue to be insured. This amount of insurance has been increased through the years.

The bank was held up once. In 1904, during the noon hour, Cashier Robert E. Frost was held up by two masked men and relieved of \$600.00. They escaped to the south, possibly to Ladrone Mountain, which was said to be a hideout for criminals and robbers.

Through the years since 1903, there has been a slow steady growth, based on a policy of conservative management, with friendly cooperation, service and encouragement to farmers, cattlemen, to industry, and the general economy throughout the banking territory, chiefly in four counties, Catron, Torrance, Socorro and Valencia.

Ninety years of successful banking, through two world wars, several years of severe drought, recessions and depressions, with the confidence of the people has resulted in thousands of customers and total assets of over \$206,000,000.00.

First National Bank of Belen - Officers

<u>Name</u>			<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Age</u>
Anna	Vielstich	Becker	July 28, 1851	December 04, 1922	71
Gustave		Becker	June 28, 1886	October 07, 1903	17
John	Herman	Becker	July 13, 1880	November 03, 1939	59
John		Becker	May 28, 1850	April 21, 1932	81
Laura	Zinth	Becker	April 17, 1877	July 04, 1965	88
Louis	Carl	Becker	May 19, 1882	January 01, 1971	88
Harry	Newton	Culver	November 04, 1900	February 13, 1960	60
John	H.	Doyle, Jr.	December 29, 1893	June 15, 1966	72
Andrés		Garcia		May 20, 1961	54
Harvey	James	Golightly		December 10, 1958	63
Jean	Elizabeth	Moore		June 06, 1964	46
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Jack	M.	Neely		September 15, 1968	41
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The first group of dates comes from a compilation of data extracted from the documents in the Bank History collection.

The second group was copied from tombstones in the Belen Cemetery.

Paul Carlson

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Paul	J. P.	Becker	Sept. 26, 1891	Sept. 3, 1892	Son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Becker
John	M.	Becker	May 7, 1907	Oct. 9, 1939	
Stella	S.	Becker	? ?, 1886	? ?, 1981	Son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Becker
Luis	H.	Becker	? ?, 1883	? ?, 1960	
Lillian	Marie	Becker	Aug. 7, 1910	Aug. 7, 1912	Son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Becker
Ernts		Becker	Aug. 22, 1897	Sept. 9, 1897	
Carl	F.	Becker	? ?, 1912	? ?, 1966	Son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Becker
Lena	K.	Becker	? ?, 1907	? ?, 1982	
Adoolph	F.	Becker	Sept. 23, 1881	March 23, 1961	Son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Becker
Belle		Becker	April 13, 1881	April 18, 1970	
Lillian	O.	Becker	? ?, 1873	? ?, 1959	Son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Becker
Frederick	A.	Becker	Mar. 17, 1854	Aug. 16, 1929	
Johanna		Becker	June 10, 1856	May 31, 1927	Son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Becker
Carl	J.	Becker	Oct. 5, 1886	Jan. 5, 1907	
Frederick		Becker	Jan. 17, 1890	Jan. 27, 1891	

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John	Herman	Becker	July 13, 1880	November 03, 1939	59
John		Becker	May 28, 1850	April 21, 1932	81
Laura	Zinth	Becker	April 17, 1877	July 04, 1965	88
Louis	Carl	Becker	May 19, 1882	January 01, 1971	88
Harry	Newton	Culver	November 04, 1900	February 13, 1960	60
John	H.	Doyle, Jr.	December 29, 1893	June 15, 1966	72
Andrés		Garcia		May 20, 1961	54
Harvey	James	Golightly		December 10, 1958	63
Jean	Elizabeth	Moore	December 22, 1917	June 06, 1964	46
Jack	M.	Neely		September 15, 1968	41
Phillip	Peter	Simmons		August 23, 1954	

Paul	J. P.	Becker	Sept. 26, 1891	Sept. 3, 1892	
John	M.	Becker	May 7, 1907	Oct. 9, 1939	
Stella	S.	Becker	?, ?, 1886	?, ?, 1981	
Luis	H.	Becker	?, ?, 1883	?, ?, 1960	
Lillian	Marie	Becker	Aug. 7, 1910	Aug. 7, 1912	
Ernts		Becker	Aug. 22, 1897	Sept. 9, 1897	
Carl	F.	Becker	?, ?, 1912	?, ?, 1966	
Lena	K.	Becker	?, ?, 1907	?, ?, 1982	
Adoolph	F.	Becker	Sept. 23, 1881	March 23, 1961	
Belle		Becker	April 13, 1881	April 18, 1970	
Lillian	O.	Becker	?, ?, 1873	?, ?, 1959	
Frederick	A.	Becker	Mar. 17, 1854	Aug. 16, 1929	
Johanna		Becker	June 10, 1856	May 31, 1927	
Carl	J.	Becker	Oct. 5, 1886	Jan. 5, 1907	Son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Becker
Frederick		Becker	Jan. 17, 1890	Jan. 27, 1891	Son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Becker

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BELEN

Friday, March 13, 1903

The News In Review

A Round of Applause

New Hampshire rejects vote
for women ... Commission
recommends shorter hours,
higher wages for miners ...
British claim they control
Northern Nigeria

Operetta
Books

Babes in Toyland by V. Herbert
The Way of All Flesh by Butler
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm by Wiggin
Call of the Wild by London

Painting
World Series

La Vie by Picasso
Boston over Pittsburgh

PRESIDENT
Theodore Roosevelt

VICE PRESIDENT
(No vice pres.)

On a Nostalgic Note

Sweet Adeline ... Toyland ... Melody of Love
... Waltzing Matilda ... Dear Old Girl ... The
March of the Toys ... Ida, Sweet As Apple
Cider ... Good-Bye, Eliza Jane ... Bedelia ...
The Eyes of Texas ... Spring, Beautiful Spring

How It Was - How it Is

Introducing

	1903	1993
3 Br. Home	\$2,400	\$99,800
Avg. Income	\$462	\$30,056
New Ford	\$750	\$13,500
Eggs, 1 doz.	\$.26	\$1.18
Bread, 1 lb.	\$.05	\$.73
Milk, 1 gal.	\$.28	\$2.72
Bacon, 1 lb.	\$.18	\$2.38

1st airplane flight by Wright brothers
... First transpacific cable completed
... Alfred Carl Fuller was first Fuller
Brush man ... Photocopying machine
invented by G.C. Beidler ... Binney and
Smith began making color crayons ...
Springfield Rifle developed ... REBECCA
OF SUNNYBROOK FARM book by Kate Douglas
Wiggin ... BABES IN TOYLAND play

Remember This

"Throat ease and Breath perfume" Sen-Sen ad ... "Cures while you sleep"
Vapo-Cresolene ad ... The ABC of Nutrition urged readers to chew their food at
least 32 times ... Sanka Coffee introduced ... The name Pepsi-Cola was
trademarked ... "20th Century Limited, Chicago to New York in 20 hours. 20
hour trains - for busy people" ... REDBOOK introduced

A Slice of Life

Caruso sang in NY ... THE GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY, first storytelling movie lasted
12 min. ... WIZARD OF OZ and PETER PAN on Broadway ... Dreamland amusement park
opened on Coney Island ... Dr. Jackson & mechanic made first car trip across US
... Roosevelt founded first animal refuge to protect "harmless wild things"

Book Transactions Which Indicate Opening Date of First National Bank of Belen Was March 2, 1903

Original Capitalization Entries	Wednesday, January 14, 1903
Premium and Purchase of U. S. Bonds for Circulation	Tuesday, January 20, 1903
Issue of Charter	Wednesday, January 28, 1903
First Entry, Deposits Subject to Check	Monday, March 2, 1903
First Entry, Deposits Account	Monday, March 2, 1903
First Entry, Expense Account	Monday, March 2, 1903
First Entry, Checks Account	Tuesday, March 3, 1903
First Entry, Interest Account	Tuesday, March 3, 1903
First Entry, Furniture and Fixtures Account	Wednesday, March 4, 1903
First Entry, Exchange Account	Wednesday, March 4, 1903
First Entry, Bills Receivable Account	Saturday, March 7, 1903

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National BANKS IN NEW MEXICO
BY DATE OF CHARTER

	Date of Charter	Name of Bank	City or Town
1.	December 18, 1870	First National Bank	Santa Fe
2.	December 1, 1890	Las Vegas Savings Bank <i>Bank of Las Vegas</i>	Las Vegas
3.	September 18, 1899	First National Bank <i>United</i>	Roswell
4.	January 3, 1902	First National Bank <i>Morgan</i>	Santa Rosa
3. 5.	March 31, 1902	First National Bank	Farmington
4. 6.	April 3, 1902	First National Bank	Portales
5. 7.	January 28, 1903	First National Bank	Belen
8.	November 24, 1903	First National Bank	Artesia
9.	December 7, 1904	First National Bank	Hagerman
10.	January 16, 1905	The Citizens Bank	Farmington
11.	April 25, 1905	First National Bank of Dona Ana County	Las Cruces
12.	March 1906	American National Bank	Silver City
13.	August 30, 1906	Portales National Bank	Portales
14.	June 27, 1907	Clovis National Bank	Clovis
15.	September 20, 1907	First National Bank	Lordsburg
16.	May 20, 1912	Otero County State Bank	Alamogordo
17.	June 10, 1914	Farmers and Merchants Bank	Las Cruces
18.	April 16, 1916	Citizens State Bank	Springer
19.	June 6, 1916	Espanola State Bank	Espanola
20.	July 5, 1916	The Merchants Bank	Gallup
21.	March 4, 1916	The Citizens Bank	Clovis
22.	March 1917	Citizens State Bank	Vaughn
23.	April 9, 1918	International State Bank	Raton
24.	January 1, 1920	McFarland Brothers Bank	Logan
25.	July 5, 1920	Farmers and Stockmens Bank	Clayton
26.	July 22, 1922	First State Bank	Taos

	Date of Charter	Name of Bank	City or Town
27.	October 19, 1922	First National Bank	Melrose
28.	January 18, 1924	Albuquerque National Bank	Albuquerque
29.	August 7, 1924	Carlsbad National Bank	Carlsbad
30.	October 1, 1925	Mimbres Valley Bank	Deming
31.	January 9, 1926	First National Bank	Hatch
32.	April 29, 1926	First National Bank	Raton
33.	September 24, 1928	New Mexico Bank and Trust Company	Hobbs
34.	March 18, 1930	Hot Springs National Bank	Truth or Consequences
35.	October 23, 1933	First National Bank	Albuquerque
36.	January 6, 1934	First State Bank	Gallup
37.	March 26, 1934	First National Bank	Tucumcari
38.	August 30, 1935	American Bank	Carlsbad
39.	April 7, 1941	Bank of New Mexico	Albuquerque
40.	April 15, 1946	Roswell State Bank	Roswell
41.	April 16, 1946	Santa Fe National Bank	Santa Fe
42.	October 14, 1946	Grant County State Bank	Bayard
43.	February 21, 1947	Lovington National Bank	Lovington
44.	June 4, 1947	Grants State Bank	Grants
45.	July 1, 1947	First State Bank	Socorro
46.	February 25, 1948	The Citizens Bank	Tucumcari
47.	July 13, 1948	Peoples State Bank	Artesia
48.	June 25, 1949	First National Bank	Hobbs
49.	November 23, 1949	First National Bank	Las Vegas
50.	September 28, 1953	Ruidoso State Bank	Ruidoso
51.	August 25, 1956	First National Bank	Alamogordo
52.	August 1, 1958	First National Bank	Grants
53.	August 15, 1960	First State Bank	Cuba

	Date of Charter	Name of Bank	City or Town
54.	October 3, 1960	Security National Bank	Roswell
55.	October 24, 1960	Ranchers State Bank	Belen
56.	May 1, 1961	Loving State Bank	Loving
57.	March 13, 1962	Bank of Santa Fe	Santa Fe
58.	April 27, 1962	Deming National Bank	Deming
59.	July 10, 1962	Citizens State Bank	Albuquerque
60.	November 5, 1962	American Bank of Commerce	Albuquerque
61.	June 12, 1963	Los Alamos National Bank	Los Alamos
62.	February 1964	Farmington National Bank	Farmington
63.	February 1964	First National Bank	Clayton

Welcome

✦ TO OUR

OPEN HOUSE

The Directors, Officers and Employees
of
The First National Bank of Belen
cordially invite you and your friends to attend
the formal opening of their new bank building
on Saturday, the fifteenth of April,
from three o'clock p.m. to six o'clock p.m.
100 Main Street, Belen, New Mexico

Also Open House
Sunday, 3 to 6 p.m.



(Photo by Lenz)

Louis Carl Becker Has Guided The First National Bank Destiny

Louis Carl Becker, President of the First National Bank of Belen is an outstanding and distinguished citizen of the town and the state of New Mexico. Since 1905, when he joined the staff of the First National Bank as cashier, Becker has done much to promote civic and community projects, and has brought credit to the banking profession by the work he has done and the honors he has received in that field.

Among distinctions Becker has been awarded during his career are President of the New Mexico Bankers' Association in 1925-26; member of the Executive Board of that association from 1936-39; member of the Board of Directors of the Belen Chamber of Com-

merce; member of the Board of Regents of the New Mexico Military Academy from 1939-1947; Director of the First National Bank in Albuquerque; Mayor of Belen, 1944-1948; former President of the Belen Town Improvement Company; member of the Board of Directors of the Becker-Dalies Company, and last, but not least, President and Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of Belen since 1932.

The Becker family has played a vital part in the growth and progress of Belen. John Becker, donated a substantial amount of money, and was instrumental in bringing the cut-off line of the Santa Fe Railroad into Belen,

instead of further south as had been planned. The Beckers donated land for the Belen Schools to help in their progress.

Born on May 19, 1882, Louis C. Becker was the son of Anna Vielstich Becker and John Becker. Other children were John Jr., Gustav, Bernard, Anita and Lucie. Those remaining are Anita who is now Mrs. Anita Bradley of Dallas, Texas, and Bernard who lives in San Diego.

L. C. Becker was educated in Belen and Albuquerque schools. The high school in Albuquerque was then connected with the University of New Mexico as a preparatory institution. He attended the University of New Mexico where he was active in basketball, football, and baseball, coached a girls' basketball

team, and was a member of the Estrella Literary Society.

Interested in engineering, he joined a survey team in Texas following his university education, and was working there laying out the road from Canyon to Lubbock in 1905 when he was called to return home and join the staff of the First National Bank of which his father was president.

He became cashier in the bank, and started a long career in the business. He married Laura Zinth of Ripon, Wisconsin, and both Mr. and Mrs. Becker have worked diligently and effectively for the good of Belen. Becker is active in the Belen Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of Rotary, of which he is a past president, the Belen Community

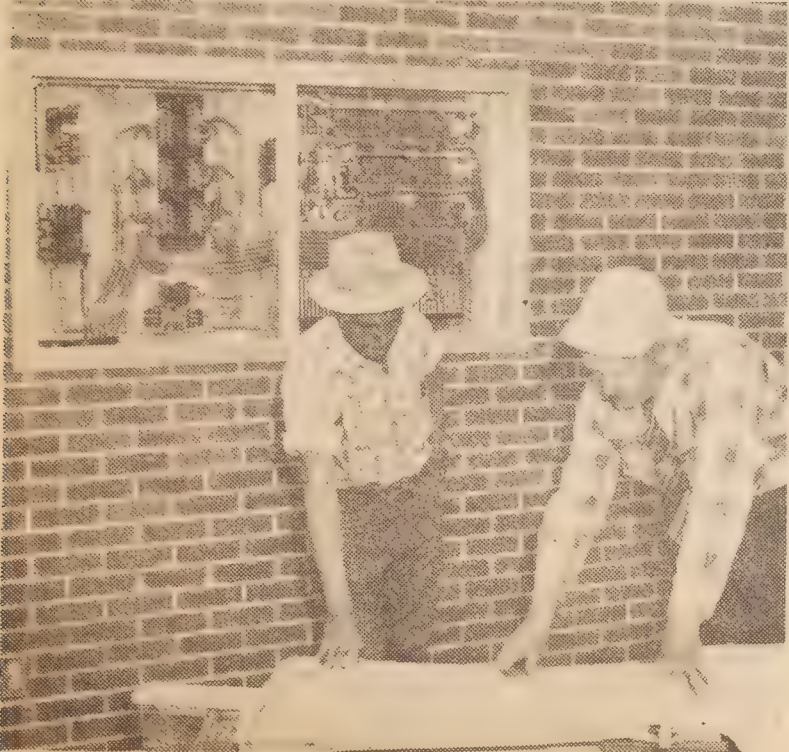
Center, Masons, Shriners, the Eastern Star of which he is a past patron, and is a member of the Belen Federated Church.

Mrs. Becker is also active in civic and community affairs and is a past worthy grand matron of Eastern Star; and has a long and distinguished record in Rainbow Work, being a member of the Supreme Rainbow Council. She has been a director of the First National Bank since 1932, and is active in the work of their church.

L. C. Becker has made a record for himself in another entirely different field. An ardent hunter and a fisherman, until a few years ago he seldom missed a deer season, and was as consistent in bringing home a deer as the Royal Mounted Police catch their men.

The construction and opening of the new bank building culminates years of planning and dreaming, as well as hard work on the part of the Beckers and other members of the board, and marks another milestone in the years of service to his community by Louis Carl Becker.

FINAL PREPARATIONS



Frank Mauldin, right is shown going over the final plans of the new \$280,000 home of The First National Bank with the foreman of the Lembke Construction Company, general contractor. Mauldin was the bank's representative in the supervision of the construction. (Photo by Lenz)

DIRECTORS' ROOM



Shown in the Directors' Room of the new \$280,000 First National Bank are, left to right, Edwin Leupold, L. C. Becker, William L. Amis, Ray Sanderson and Andres Garcia. (Photo by Lenz)



Congratulations

It is with a warm feeling of friendship that we commend the First National Bank of Belen on their beautiful new building. Our sincere good wishes for a highly gratifying opening. May your success continue to exceed your expectations.



Banking Activities Of Becker-Dalies Started Creating Local Bank

by Muriel Smith

The formal opening of the new home of the First National Bank of Belen on Saturday, April 15, will mark another high point in the history of the Belen bank.

This will be the third home for the banking institution, which was founded in 1902 by a group of several men headed by John Becker, father of Louis Carl Becker, who has been president of the First National Bank since 1932.

The first banking institution in Belen had its beginning several years before its incorporation in 1902. John Becker, born in Hanover, Germany, had come to the United States when a young man. After having traveled and worked in various parts of the United States, he came west by train and freighting caravan, from Illinois, to meet and obtain employment near a cousin who lived in Los Lunas, New Mexico. In 1871 he started working for the L. and H. Huning Company, and soon was placed in charge of a branch of that company in Belen. A short time later, he was admitted as a partner in the Huning Company. Seeing the opportunities of a new company in Belen, John Becker resigned from his position with the Los Lunas Company and founded the John Becker Store in 1877.

Enlargement of the business followed, and among the enterprises were the grist mill, (torn down only a few years ago), a store in Magdalena, and the bank. Banking business was carried on in the store, with customers making deposits and withdrawals and investments from the store itself. Today, the First National Bank still has a number of old-time depositors—ranchers, farmers, etc.—who do their business through the Becker-Dalies Company, which in turn transacts matters with the bank.

The growth of Belen has been

intermingled with the growth of the First National Bank. Incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000.00, and a staff of six, it

DIRECTOR



(Photo by Lenz)

Mayo T. Boucher is a director and legal counsel for The First National Bank. Boucher, a resident of Belen since 1941, was made a member of the board of directors this last year. Besides being the bank's legal counsel, he is also serving as the state representative from Valencia County. He is the incoming president of the Rotary Club, a past president of the Chamber of Commerce, a Mason, member of the Scottish Rite, and member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Boucher have two children, Phillip Larry, 15, who is a junior in Belen High School, and Terri Sue, 12, who is in the sixth grade in the Belen schools.

DIRECTOR



Fred Huning Jr. of Los Lunas for the last two years is a member of the First National Bank in Belen board of directors is a man of varied interests. The father of two sons and one daughter, Louis, Katherine and Charles, he is keenly interested in Boy Scout activities, being vice-president of the Kit Carson Boy Scout Council. In the business field, he is president of the Huning Mercantile Co. of Los Lunas and the Sandia Tractor and Implement Co. of Albuquerque; and immediate past president of the Tri-State Hardware and Implement association and a member of the Sales Executive Club in Albuquerque. In the civic field, he is a member of the Belen Rotary club. He is a parishoner of the St. Clemente Catholic church, and with his wife and children makes his home in Los Lunas.

has grown through the 59 years to a financial position which includes \$250,000.00 capital stock; \$250,000.00 surplus, and \$300,000.00 in undivided profits and reserve, and forty employees. There is a Mountainair Branch of the First National Bank, headed by C. A. Boliver, and approval for a Los Lunas branch has been obtained.

The original home of the First National Bank was torn down in 1953. It had served the banking institution from 1905 until 1914. 1953 was also the year that the Becker-Dalies Store celebrated its Diamond Jubilee, and Belen celebrated the 50th anniversary of the construction of the Belen cutoff on the Santa Fe Railroad.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the new building in September of 1960. Included

in the building are a conference room for the Board of Directors, L. C. Becker's office, a place for officers' desks in the main lobby of the building, and a room for relaxation for the employees.

The formal opening on Saturday will be followed on Sunday, April 16, by an open house in the afternoon. The bank will open for business on April 24.

DIRECTOR



(Photo by Lenz)

Paul B. Dalies is the only surviving member of the original board of directors when The First National Bank was organized in 1903. Dalies came to Belen in 1889 when he was 17 years-of-age from Ripon, Wisconsin, which he says was not only his birthplace, but was also the birthplace of the Republican Party. Coming here to work for John Becker, he stayed with him through the years, being made a partner and following Becker's death served as president of the Becker-Dalies Company until his retirement in 1947, although he is still a director. He was succeeded by his son-in-law, Austin D. Lovett, who still heads the pioneer mercantile concern. His son-in-law, in addition to being president of the Becker-Dalies Company, is also the Standard Oil Distributor here. Besides his daughter, Mrs. Lovett, Dalies also has a son, Russell Dalies, who lives here. More than likely the greatest feat that the city of Belen is indebted to Dalies for, is the major part he played in getting the Santa Fe to make this their division point. Dalies spent over a year buying and swapping property for the needed Santa Fe right of way. Dalies is a life member of the Masonic Lodge and has been a Shriner since 1912. He is also a member of the Federated Church.

Dalies was one of the charter members of the Belen Rotary Club and is a past president. He has also been a member of the Chamber of Commerce since it was organized.

In January of 1887 John Becker was in Albuquerque to contract to supply the Government Indian School with 43,000 pounds of flour from his Belen mill.

VICE-PRESIDENT



(Photo by Lenz)

Edwin Leupold, director and vice-president, has seen a lot of The First National Bank's growth and progress. He came here in February of 1919 as the local Ford dealer, an agency he operated until he sold in 1953. In 1920 he married Miss Frieda Becker, who was assistant cashier of the bank at that time. Leupold has been active in the bank since 1939. They have two sons, Edwin, Jr., who lives in Deming, and Arthur, who lives here. Leupold has been active in numerous civic affairs for a number of years. He is a past president of the Belen Rotary Club, a past commander of the American Legion, for 15 years served as treasurer of the local Red Cross, life member of the Masonic Lodge, has been treasurer of the Federated Church for 35 years, past chairman of the Salvation Army for 15 years, is a past president and a past secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has been secretary of the Belen Community Center since it was organized and is a former secretary of the Valencia County Fair Association. At the present time, Leupold is Government appeal agent for the Selective Service. Also, for a number of years, he served as scoutmaster of the Rotary Boy Scout Troop 110.

TELLERS' CAGES



Shown looking over the tellers' cages in the ultra-modern new home of The First National Bank are, left to right, in front of the cages, Andres Garcia, Ona Elkins and Ray Sanderson;

looking out are Virginia Sharp, Lorena Evans, Priscilla Salazar, Mary Harrell, Stella Dobbs and Mildred Harmon.

(Photo by Lenz)

CONGRATULATIONS

on the opening of the new

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BELEN

LEMBKE CONSTRUCTION CO.
ALBUQUERQUE

VICE-PRESIDENT



(Photo by Lenz)

Along with L. C. Becker, one of the persons symbolic of The First National Bank to persons throughout the state, is Mrs. Marion Herlihy, vice-president and loan officer. Mrs. Herlihy has been practically a fixture in the bank since 1925, coming here as a stenographer and bookkeeper when the staff only numbered six. In 1925, there were two women and three men. Today the staff numbers over 40. Mrs. Herlihy's rise through the ranks started in 1939 when she was made assistant cashier, followed by her promotion to assistant vice-president in 1953, and then made a vice-president in 1960. One of the great joys to this prominent and busy banking executive are her two grandsons, Paul and Randy, the sons of her daughter, Mrs. L. P. Glasebrook of Albuquerque, the former Margaret Herlihy. Mrs. Herlihy has long been active in civic affairs and at the present time is a director of the Belen Chamber of Commerce; a vice-president and charter members of the Belen Credit Women's Breakfast Club; a member of the Career Club, whose membership requires 25 years in credit; a charter member and past president of the Pilot Club; past New Mexico group chairman of the National Association of Bank Women; county treasurer for the National Foundation; board member of the Salvation Army; and has always taken an active part in the various charitable drives here, such as the Heart, Cancer drives, etc.

VICE-PRESIDENT



(Photo by Lenz)

Vice-president and cashier of The First National Bank is Ray Sanderson, who has been connected with the local banking institution for the past 15 years. Before joining The First National, he was connected with the Magnolia Petroleum Company, he had been cashier for Magnolia's Albuquerque office and had also been local Magnolia agent. Prior to that he served four years in the U. S. Air Force and spent three years working in the West Texas oilfields after attending the University of New Mexico for two years. The opening of the new quarter-million dollar home of the First National Bank will be on the anniversary of Sanderson joining their staff. He started as a teller with The First National on April 15, 1946; in 1949, he was made an assistant cashier; then in 1955 was made cashier and assistant vice-president; last year he became a vice-president and cashier. He has one son, Tommy, 10 years-of-age, who is a student in Belen's Central School. He is a member of the National Association of Bank Auditors and Controllers; a member of the Chamber of Commerce and for several years was treasurer; a former board member of the Valencia County Fair Association and served as treasurer for three years; is the former treasurer of the Red Cross; is a member of the Belen Game Protective Association; a life member of the American Trap Association; and member of the Methodist Church.

ASS'T CASHIER



(Photo by Lenz)

Mrs. Ona Elkins, a Belen resident for the past 17 years, who has been connected with The First National Bank since August, 1951, is an assistant cashier. Her husband, Leonard, is a switch engineer for the Santa Fe. They have two children, Mrs. Jay Christensen, who now lives in Albuquerque, and a son, Gary Lee, who is a junior in Belen High School. As a bank executive, Mrs. Elkins is a member of the Bank Women's Association; and is also a member of the Ladies Society of the BLF&E, of which she is a trustee; she is association conductress in the Order of the Eastern Star.

ASSISTANT VEEP



(Photo by Lenz)

Mrs. Jean Moore is assistant vice-president in charge of the bookkeeping, transit and proofs departments of The First National Bank. She has been connected with the local banking institution since November of 1936. Her husband, Wymer Moore, is an engineering foreman for the Santa Fe. As a bank executive, she is a member of the Bank Women's Association; she is also a past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and is a member of the Pilot Club of Belen.

LOAN DEP'T.



(Photo by Lenz)

A new employee at The First National Bank is Andres Garcia, who works in the loan department. And although he is new with the bank, he is an old familiar friend to Belenites, having been connected with the Becker-Dalies Company for 6 years. He worked in the Becker-Dalies furniture department and was manager of that department for five years. Garcia is an overseas veteran of World War II. His wife teaches in the Jaramillo School.

CUSTODIAN



(Photo by Lenz)

One of the most beloved and trusted employees of The First National Bank is Juan Abel Castillo, who joined the staff in 1941 as custodian. Although few of his fellow staff members are present when he performs his duties, they are all aware of his vital part in the banking operations when they see the tidy offices the following morning. Castillo, a member of the Third Order and the Sacred Heart of the Catholic Church organizations, has six children, Ernest S. Castillo, who is employed by the Mid-Rio Grande Conservancy; Miss Placida, a Sandia employee; Mrs. J. N. Garcia, who teaches at St. Marys'; Miss Olive Castillo, who is supervisor at Southern Union Gas Company; Miss Lena Castillo, a teacher in the Jaramillo School; and Miss Cecilia Castillo, who is a senior in Belen High School.

FIELD MAN



(Photo by Lenz)

Ralph J. Spillers of Los Lunas is the outside field man and appraiser of The First National Bank. A prominent figure in real estate throughout the state, he has been connected with the local bank for approximately six years. In addition to his bank connection, he also operates a real estate firm in Los Lunas, where he has resided for the past 16 years. He came to Los Lunas from Albuquerque, where he was engaged in the real estate business since 1922. He was one of the charter members of the Albuquerque Realtors Association. He is a member of the Belen Chamber of Commerce and the Cattle Growers Association; other than that he says that he belongs only to the Methodist Church and The First National Bank. He is a former board member of the Farm Home Association in Los Lunas.

EMPLOYEES' LOUNGE



Enjoying a coffee break in the Employees' Kathleen Conant, Mary Stanford, Jo Ann Gardner Lounge of the new \$280,000 First National Bank, and Florence Borrowdale. left to right, are Mela Baca, Gay Summerville, (Photo by Lenz)

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Saturday and Sunday
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First Prize — \$100.00 Bill
Second Prize — \$50.00 Savings Bond
Third Prize — \$25.00 Savings Bond
Drawing in front of our new Bank Building
Friday, April 28, 5:00 p.m.
You Need Not Be Present to Win

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK HAS SERVED BELEN OVER HALF A CENTURY

MOUNTAINAIR

VICE-PRESIDENT



(Photo by Lenz)



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C. A. Boliver is an assistant vice-president in charge of The First National Bank's Mountainair branch, recently opened. Boliver has been on the bank staff since August of 1949. Single, Boliver commutes to Mountainair daily. Boliver began his rise in the banking executive ranks when he was made assistant cashier in January of 1959; in January of this year, he was made an assistant vice-president in charge of the newly opened Mountainair branch bank. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Owen Boliver of Belen. He is active in the Valencia County Sheriff's Posse, is a member of the Valencia County Square Dance Club and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce in both Belen and Mountainair.

A new executive at The First National Bank is William L. Amis, who joined the staff in November of last year. Amis came to Belen from Hallsville, Texas, with a rich banking background. At the First State Bank in the East Texas community, he was cashier and president. Since coming here, he has become a member of the Federated Church and the Belen Rotary Club. In Hallsville, he was a past president of the Community Chest, served on the City Council and was a member of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce and the Northeast Texas Industrial Council. Mr. and Mrs. Amis have two daughters, Mildred Mann, 14, who is a ninth grade student in the Belen Schools, and Alice Jo, 16, who is a junior in Belen High School.

During World War I, L. C. Becker was in charge of Liberty Bond sales in Belen. Esther Buckland was the first secretary at The First National Bank.

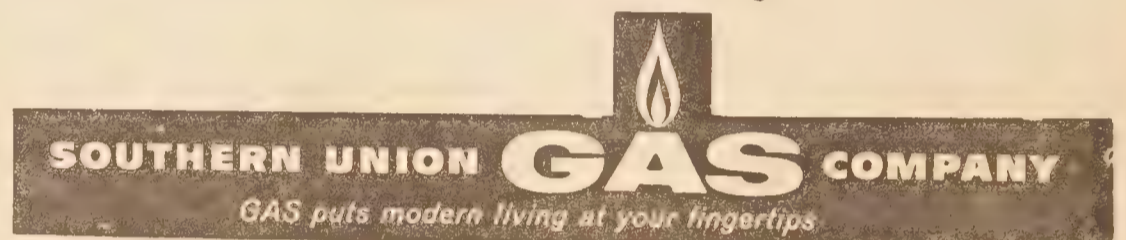
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BELEN, NEW MEXICO

Drive-In Window Now At The Bank

The convenient drive-in windows of the new First National Bank will make it possible for you to do your banking without leaving your automobile.

The drive-in facilities are being utilized by The First National Bank because growth and traffic mean that customers want to be served more swiftly, in their cars if possible.

ASS'T. CASHIER



(Photo by Lenz)

Mrs. Ruby Waggoner, assistant cashier, first worked at The First National Bank in 1942 for a short time, she returned to their employment on July 5, 1950, and is now finishing her eleventh year with the institution. Her husband, Wilton, is yardmaster for the Santa Fe. Residents here since 1937, the Waggoners have two children, Mrs. James Atwood, and James, who is a Belen Junior High student. Active in lodge work, Mrs. Waggoner is a Past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star; a past Mother Advisor of the Rainbow Girls; and is also a member of the Bank Women's Association, an organization for women bank executives.

What Is A Bank?

What is a bank? It certainly is more than a structure of glass and steel, more than its safe deposit boxes and multitudinous bookkeeping equipment, more than the deposits it can claim.

Actually, a bank is a complex mechanism of nerves and reflexes, components and departments, designed to act as a single mass toward a unified goal: the growth of the community.

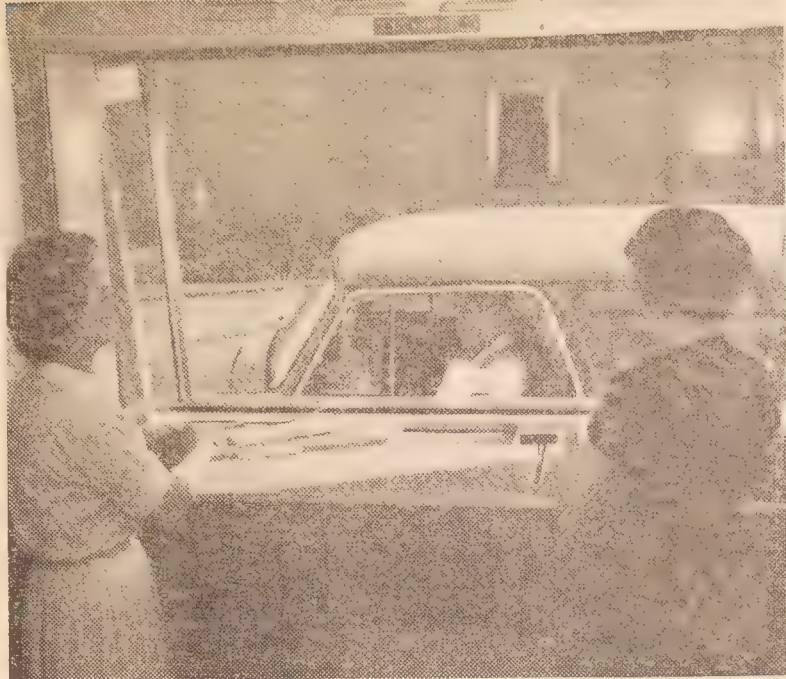
A bank, therefore is a human reference library of business knowledge. Not that a bank has all the answers, because it doesn't. But it usually reflects the greatest accumulated mass of business experience and know-how in a given community.

It is as strong as the individuals which comprise it; as warm as the attitude of its employees; as valuable as the wealth stored, not in its vaults, but in the intellects of its officers.

As the beautiful new home of The First National Bank shows, they believe that the day of dank, dark and dimly stuffy banking institutions is long since past. The First National Bank believes that the decisions affecting tomorrow must be illuminated with foresight, imagination and creativity. There is no stock answer to a given problem. The First National Bank feels it has been first in envisioning new opportunities, in welcoming new challenges in the same spirit that John Becker showed when he settled here during the latter part of the Nineteenth Century, the same spirit he expressed in Belen when he opened the doors of The First National Bank in 1903.

It is for a combination of the above reasons that The First National Bank is able to erect their beautiful \$280,000 new home. It is a monument, not to The First National Bank, not to John Becker or L. C. Becker, but it is a monument to the community which has made it possible.

ANOTHER NEW CONVENIENCE



Another new convenience at the beautiful new quarter-million dollar home of The First National Bank will be the drive-in teller's window, which will make banking possible without even getting out of your car. Bank customer, Chico Tabet, is shown handing a deposit to Virginia Sharp, left, and Priscilla Salazar.

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ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN BELEN...

The New FIRST NATIONAL BANK

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of Belen

on the opening of their
new building.

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to the
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on their new home

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Congratulations

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These ladies, responsible for the bookkeeping duties, are looking over their new quarters in the new home of The First National Bank. Shown, from left to right, are Ruby Waggoner, Jean Moore, Lois Hollinsworth, Bea Danner, Adelina

Ellis, Pat Erwin, Marie Barnes, Grace Knecht, Hazel Smith, Dorothy Hewett, Merlene Johnson, Wanda Ray, Mary Ann Hollandsworth and Anna Baca. (Photo by Lenz)



L. C. Becker, president of The First National Bank, is shown going over banking records with his private secretary, Florance Borrowdale. (Photo by Lenz)

In 1904 the First National Bank had its one and only robbery. In the true western style, two masked men held up the cashier and escaped with \$600.00 in silver dollars. Perhaps the fact that they were in the act of holding up an express train to their capture later when the load was heavy contributed

Interested in basketball at the girls' basketball teams at the University of New Mexico, L. C. 'U'. The name of the team was Becker was coach of one of the "The Gladiators."



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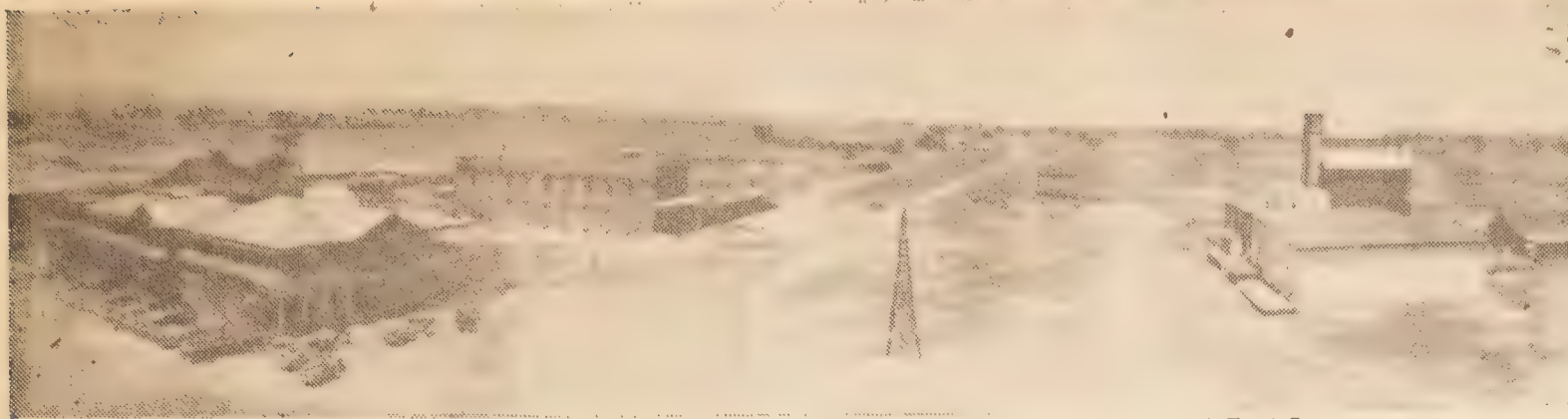
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From one Belen Pioneer
to another ...
We are all proud
of the beautiful
building across the street ...
A Magnificent Symbol
of progress in Belen
CONGRATULATIONS TO
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The Becker-Dalies Co.
101 North Main
UN 4-8231



This is early day Belen, before it had a bank. It was back in the days before the Santa Fe, too. Can you locate the location of the present day First National Bank?

Old First National Bank Building Razed In 1953 Was Local Landmark

The old First National Bank building, which gave way to progress in 1953, was an old Belen landmark dating back to 1880. Destroyed after 73 years in the early fifties, it had a long life as the center of the community.

The building was razed in '53 to make way for a used car sales lot for the Thomas-Fitzpatrick Motor Company.

Many phases of Belen history and the history of the southwest were witnessed by the silent dirty looking building on Main street.

The corners on the new adobes were still sharply square and the mud was scarcely dry when young John Becker left his partner, Louie Huning, and started his new store, post office and forage station there in 1880. At that time the building stretched over the whole site occupied by the present Becker-Dalies store. On behind it stretched "Poverty Row", rooms for the hired help.

Much of the old building was replaced by a new two story brick building in the early 1900's. The bank building was the last to give way to progress in 1953.

Soldiers stationed in Belen when General Mills was conducting a campaign against the Apaches and Navajos, used Becker's store as a forage station. Later the building was to witness the first real prosperity for Belen, the railroad boom.

In 1905 the bank, founded two years earlier, was moved into a wing of the Becker store, and John Becker's son, L. C., entered the business to begin work in the bank.

The building saw the popula-

tion of Belen grow from an estimated 685 in 1886, the same year that young Paul Dalies came to

the community, to an estimated 5,000 population in '53 when its obituary was written.

Before that, it saw John Becker bring his bride here in a stage coach, the erection of the Becker home, the mill and water tower.

It also saw the destruction of most of those same buildings.

It served its last day as the bank building on Monday, April 20, 1914, when the board of directors announced "a new Banking House for your convenience," with open house held at the present home of the bank.

After the bank moved to its present home, the building served

as an office for Dr. E. G. Bren-tari, dentist. After he moved, town meetings were held there. It was used at different times as a polling place, organization room, and sometimes headquarters for the Highway Department while working on local projects.

The building, property of the Belen Town and Improvement Co., was located on Lot 4, Block A of the original townsite laid out by John Becker.

Much of the history of Belen was written within its walls before it gave way to the progress of the community it had the center of for many years.

Louis C. Becker, president of the First National Bank, who lettered in baseball at the University of New Mexico in 1898, and lettered in football and basketball at the same school in 1903, received an honorary football sweater and letter from Tom Popejoy at the annual Lettermen's breakfast at the University in 1948.

Best Wishes

FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

TO THE

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in their new building

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MEDICAL PLEDGES EXCEED \$14,000

ESTANCIA — Pledges of funds for the construction of the Estancia Valley's model medical center trickled slowly but steadily into the crusade headquarters here over the weekend and early this week.

Before noon Tuesday, Judge John E. (Jack) Welch, treasurer for the drive, had marked up \$14,000 on the mammoth thermometer near his insurance office. The campaign organization, seeking \$36,000 as its absolute minimum, is shooting for \$50,000 to guarantee a comfortable margin.

Most encouraging, Judge Welch said, is the fact that the \$14,000 thus far reported represents only about 25 per cent of the potential investors in the area that will

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RADIOACTIVE CONE FOUND HERE BRINGS HEALTH WARNINGS TO STATE, COUNTY

Special to the Citizen

SANTA FE — The New Mexico Dept. of Health issued a warning last week to the Estancia Valley and all New Mexicans as to possible ill effects that could result from prolonged exposure to a radioactive cone of the type that turned up in the possession of an Estancia child.

Such cones apparently are offered for sale by a Texas firm as a boon to health. The Health Dept. believes it presents a definite danger of emitting a dangerous overdose of radiation.

Health authorities ask that if any more such cones are found, or if anyone has one in his possession, they be turned over immediately to public health authorities. A close check has been made by health authorities to determine if any have been purchased in the Estancia Valley.

The specimen found by an Estancia child was turned over by his parents to public health authorities in Albuquerque after it was broken open and found to have a core containing a powder.

A Geiger counter was applied both to the concrete cone and to the powder. The cone was found to emit radiation at a rate of four milli-roentgens an hour. The powder-laden core was found to emit slightly more than five milli-roentgens an

hour.

Carl Jensen, radiological health officer for the State Health Dept., expressed the belief that the powder is a high-grade uranium ore.

Mr. Jensen said a person accustomed to working with radiation can be exposed safely to radiation of no more than 100 milli-roentgens a week. He said the general public should be exposed to no more than 10 such units a week.

When the cone was delivered to Santa Fe, Health Dept. personnel, by coincidence, were studying a brochure advertising such a cone. The brochure had been provided by the Texas State Health Dept., which is trying to get the cones out of circulation.

The brochure instructs the user to submerge the cone in a crock filled with water and leave it submerged for 24 hours to irradiate the water. It says such water will help cure problems of elimination and clean out the system generally.

The brochure says further: "Authorities state, 'Radioactive water aids nature to restore the more normal functions of the body by stimulating elimination, circulation, digestion and assimilation, thereby causing a better function of every

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The Mark of

ZERO

By Z.E. ROWE

Every year daily newspapers around the country nominate their favorite candidates for the title of "World's Meanest Man."

The contest usually ends with the nominations because the candidates are usually

anonymous — identified by their deeds rather than by their names. There are no finals and no trophies, for it is unlikely that the winner would step forward to receive the prize.

Persons nominated for the honor are identified by such acts as deliberately running over a child's pet within full view of the child, torturing livestock, short-circuiting an iron lung, stealing a blind man's seeing-eye dog, robbing a widow of her savings.

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Zero's nominee is the trigger-happy "sportsman" (the double quotes are deliberate) who shot a four-day-old ram lamb through the head.

The lamb was the property of Betsy Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.O. Clark of Moriarty and one of the county's most vigorous 4-H Club girls.

Betsy will be remembered as the little girl who bravely gritted her teeth, held back the streaming tears and — reluctantly, in a way — accepted the fact that one of her lambs had attracted the top price in the junior fat stock sale of last year's Torrance County Fair. She had achieved the pinnacle of success as a sheep breeder, but she was also relinquishing a piece of her heart to surrender the lamb she had lovingly nurtured and groomed from the day of its birth. This is one of the bitter lessons that young livestock growers must learn.

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Betsy learned that lesson, and she learned it well, but she will never find reconciliation for the needless destruction of a healthy, sturdy little Rambouillet ram.

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Betsy was especially proud of her lamb crop this year. Her three registered Rambouillet ewes had borne a total of five lambs — a set of twins, then a single, and then, on July 1, another set of twins including the little ram whose beauty and vigor made her heart leap with joy. Any sheep breeder will tell you that a 167 per cent lamb crop is almost too much to hope for any time.

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The lambs were growing,

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MORIARTY GRAIN'S ELEVATOR FINISHED

MORIARTY — Moriarty Grain Co.'s \$20,000, 10,000-bushel grain elevator has been completed, and it handled its first consignment of grain Monday of this week.

Meanwhile, company officials have announced that they are going forward with plans for their next installation: a 20,000-gallon storage tank for anydrous ammonia.

The new elevator, just finished by Franklin Construction Co. of Albuquerque, is capable of handling six different kinds of grain simultaneously. The overhead portion of the all-metal structure is divided into four bins. This is augmented by a side bin and a round bin, all of which are serviced and filled by mechanical worms.

A special feature is the setup for emptying grain from conventional trucks and dropping it by gravity into a pit 12 feet below ground. From the pit it is lifted mechanically to the proper bin or bins.

The elevator is the third structure to be completed by Moriarty Grain since it was established here slightly more than a year ago. The first unit of the expanding business was the office and sales building. This unit also includes a mammoth set of scales.

The second unit was the bulk fertilizer warehouse, which was finished last month.

The third unit — the newly completed elevator complex — was just two months in construction.

Moriarty Grain Co., the Moriarty area's newest industry, is owned by H&L Farms, principal stockholders of which are Johnny Latham and Joe Henry, brothers-in-law who came here from Hereford, Tex.

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BUREAU MEETS TONIGHT

ESTANCIA — The Torrance County Farm & Livestock Bureau will meet in regular session tonight (July 16) at 7:30 in the Ewing Community Center. Tribute will be paid to 4-H Clubs.

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Under its operation, deposits will be made to the Moriarty Branch as a self-sufficient entity. Checks backed by these deposits will have a Moriarty date line. All records of both deposits and debits will be maintained in the branch, and statements will be issued from the branch.

Savings accounts, too, will be maintained within the branch.

Moriarty branch personnel also will extend services to those maintaining accounts in the Belen home office or in the Los Lunas or Mountainair branch — at the request of those patrons.

In charge of the branch's independent bookkeeping operation will be Mrs. Betty Ensminger, wife of Jeff Ensminger, Moriarty service station operator.

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**TRUTH AND PROGRESS
are inseparable companions.**



RECORD DEPARTMENT — In charge of bookkeeping and accounts in the new Moriarty Branch of First National Bank of Belen is Mrs. Betty Ensminger, above, wife of Jeff Ensminger, Moriarty businessman. Mrs. Ensminger, mother of three, is widely known in Torrance County as a former county assessor and, more recently, as deputy assessor. She resigned her public duties several weeks ago to join the bank's staff and receive the necessary training for her new duties in the bank's Mountainair Branch. Former Estancia residents, the Ensmingers moved to Moriarty early in 1961, when Mr. Ensminger took over the Ernest Hawkins service station on US-66. The family now occupies a new home directly east of Moriarty adjacent to Longhorn ranch. The Ensmingers' older son, Jakie, is in military service, having earned a degree in space technology from the University of Arizona. The younger son, Ronnie, is a student at New Mexico Highlands University. Their daughter is on vacation from Moriarty Public Schools.

BYPASS COMING UP? BANK BETS \$10,000 ON VILLAGE FUTURE

MORIARTY — Officials of First National Bank of Belen have invested in the Village of Moriarty with their eyes wide open.

John C. Johnson, executive vice president, said the Belen bank went forward with planning for a new branch in Moriarty, fully aware of the community's concern over being bypassed by Interstate Highway -40.

"We found Moriarty to be a progressive and growing community," Mr. Johnson said, and we don't think a bypass will make that much difference.

"We have invested \$10,000 to put this little branch in, so you might say we are betting \$10,000 on the future of Moriarty. That's a lot more money than we are willing to lose recklessly or deliberately."

Recent reports of public utilities serving Torrance County have pointed to Moriarty as the fastest grow-

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which the building owner, Everett T. Shockey, is the presiding magistrate.

The Belen institution received a tentative go-ahead from the U. S. comptroller of the currency several weeks ago. The official authority, taking the form of an attractive diploma-like document with official seal, was received in the home office last Thursday. This document will be framed to hang in the Moriarty branch.

As nearly as can be determined from an examination of early Moriarty history, this will be the first banking facility to be located within the corporate limits of Moriarty. It is rather certain that there were no banks here 50 years ago, when financial institutions prospered in Willard, Estancia, Mountainair and Corona. However, there is a possibility that one of the several mercantile establishments here in years past may have offered banking services. Under an old New Mexico law, still on the books but no longer invoked, firms with mercantile charters also had authority to extend certain banking services.

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state tax, but the same assets of national banks were exempt.

And at the recent convention of the New Mexico Bankers Assn. in Ruidoso, a visiting speaker made an impassioned plea for an end to rivalry and greater cooperation between banks of the federal and state systems.

In the case of the new branch bank in Moriarty, the regulations of the comptroller's office were so exacting that the mother bank was required to present an elaborate and detailed economic report on the village of Moriarty and its surrounding area with explicit data on payrolls, expenditures, locations of nearby banking facilities. It was necessary for the Belen bank to prove beyond a question of a doubt that there was a public need for a banking facility here and that opening of a branch bank would not create considerable risk for the parent bank.

Furthermore, the authority to open such a branch is so precise that it is specific as to the exact location, the square footage, structural characteristics of the branch's headquarters. It also is precise as to the date, and the time of day, of the official opening of the branch. The slightest deviation would constitute a violation of the authority conferred by the comptroller of the currency.

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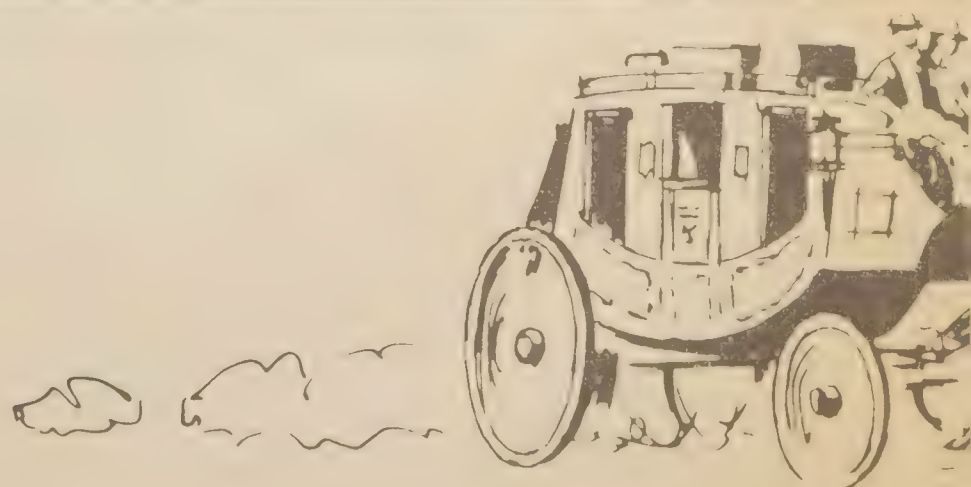
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SALE NO. 5046: E 1/2 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 of Section 14, N 1/2, NW 1/4 SE 1/4, N 1/2 SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 25, ALL of Section 35, Township 8 North, Range 13 East; SE 1/4 of Section 9, SE 1/4 NE 1/4, N 1/2 NW 1/4, SW 1/4 NW 1/4, S 1/2 of Section 11, E 1/2 E 1/2, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, W 1/2 SE 1/4, W 1/2 SW 1/4, SW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 17, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E 1/2 W 1/2, E 1/2 of Section 18, E 1/2 E 1/2, W 1/2 NE 1/4, NW 1/4 NW 1/4, SW 1/4 SW 1/4, E 1/2 NW 1/4 of Section 21, N 1/2, N 1/2 S 1/2 of Section 25, NE 1/4 NE 1/4, NW 1/4 NW 1/4, S 1/2 N 1/2, S 1/2 of Section 26, S 1/2 NE 1/4, N 1/2 SE 1/4, E 1/2 NW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 27, N 1/2 N 1/2, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, SW 1/4, W 1/2 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 SE 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 28, N 1/2 NE 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, S 1/2 SE 1/4, W 1/2 of Section 29, Lots 1, 2, 3, E 1/2 NW 1/4, E 1/2 of Section 30, Lots 2, 3, 4, E 1/2 W 1/2, E 1/2 of Section 31, W 1/2, W 1/2 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 33, SE 1/4, E 1/2 NE 1/4, S 1/2 SW 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 8 North, Range 14 East; E 1/2, SW 1/4 NW 1/4, N 1/2 SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 4, E 1/2 SW 1/4 of Section 8, E 1/2 SW 1/4 of Section 4, SE 1/4, SW 1/4, NW 1/4 NW 1/4, S 1/2 NW 1/4 of Section 10, NW 1/4, N 1/2 NE 1/4, S 1/2 SE 1/4 of Section 14, N 1/2, SW 1/4, N 1/2 SE 1/4 of Section 25, Township 8 North, Range 15 East, NMPM, containing 9,679.29 acres, more or less, according to the government survey thereof. (NORMAL ENABLING LANDS).

The above-described lands are located approximately 15 to 20 miles north of Encino, New Mexico.

Said above-described lands have been appraised at \$8.25 per acre, and no bids for a less amount will be accepted.

Those desiring to qualify as bidders will be required to deposit with the Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico, the actual cost of appraisal and advertising, plus, five (5%) per cent

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deposit with the Commissioner, or his agent conducting the sale, \$305.00 to apply on the amount bid, less his deposit, the first year's interest at four (4%) per cent on the deferred balance, plus the actual cost of appraisal and advertising. The balance of the purchase price will be payable in thirty (30) years with interest at four (4%) per cent payable annually in advance on the deferred balance.

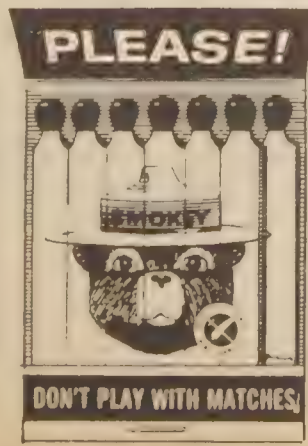
All minerals of whatsoever kind, including oil and gas, are reserved to the State of New Mexico.

The right to reject any and all bids is expressly reserved and no sale shall be effective unless and until approved in writing by the Commissioner of Public Lands.

Detailed information concerning this offer of sale, the lands involved, the improvements thereon, if any, and other matters related thereto may be obtained by writing to the Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

DATED at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 13th day of May, A.D., 1964.

/s/ E.S. Johnny Walker
E.S. JOHNNY WALKER
COMMISSIONER
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SALE NO. 5073: SE 1/4-NE 1/4 of Section 1, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S 1/2 N 1/2, S 1/2 of Section 2, SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 10, ALL of Section 16, S 1/2 of Section 23, NE 1/4 of Section 26, Township 1 North, Range 15 East; SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 8, ALL of Section 16, Lots 3, 4, E 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 of Section 19, S 1/2 of Section 20, NW 1/4, NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 21, N 1/2 NE 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 of Section 29, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, N 1/2 NE 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 of Section 30, Township 1 North, Range 16 East; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S 1/2 N 1/2, S 1/2 of Section 2, SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 3, S 1/2 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 of Section 5, S 1/2 N 1/2, N 1/2 S 1/2, S 1/2 SE 1/4 of Section 9, NW 1/4 of Section 10, W 1/2 W 1/2 of Section 12, N 1/2 of Section 13, ALL of Section 16, E 1/2 of Section 22, SE 1/4 NE 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 25, E 1/2 of Section 27, ALL of Sections 32, 35 and 36, Township 2 North, Range 15 East; Lots 1, 2 of Section 19, E 1/2 SE 1/4 of Section 29, ALL of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 16 East; ALL of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 15 East; NW 1/4 NE 1/4, N 1/2 NW 1/4, SW 1/4 NW 1/4, S 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 16 East, NMPM, containing 11,239.25 acres, more or less, according to the government survey thereof. (COMMON SCHOOL LANDS).

The above-described lands are located approximately 4 miles East to 14 miles South of Duran, New Mexico.

Said above-described lands have been appraised at \$8.00 per acre, and no bids for a less amount will be accepted.

Those desiring to qualify as bidders will be required to deposit with the Commissioner, or his agent conducting the sale, \$305.00 to apply on costs of appraisal and advertising; plus, five (5%) per cent of the appraised value of the lands, and the sum of \$91,735.00, which is the appraised value of the improvements, unless bidder be the owner of said improvements. Any person desiring to qualify as a bidder must qualify before the bidding in such sale has been completed. All deposits shall be in cash, certified or cashier's check or bank money order, and made payable to the Commissioner of Public Lands. All deposits will be refunded to unsuccessful bidders.

At time of sale, the successful bidder will be required to pay five (5%) per cent of the amount bid, less his deposit, the first year's interest at four (4%) per cent on the deferred balance, plus the actual cost of appraisal and advertising. The balance of the purchase price will be payable in thirty (30) years with interest at four (4%) per cent payable annually in advance on the deferred balance.

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SALE NO. 5071: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S 1/2 NW 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 3, Lots 1, 2, S 1/2 NE 1/4 of Section 4, ALL of Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 15 East; Lots 3, 4, W 1/2 SW 1/4, S 1/2 NW 1/4 of Section 5, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, S 1/2 NE 1/4, SE 1/4, E 1/2 SW 1/4 of Section 6, E 1/2, SW 1/4, E 1/2 NW 1/4 of Section 9, ALL of Section 17, NE 1/4 of Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 16 East; W 1/2 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 24, NE 1/4 NE 1/4, SW 1/4, S 1/2 NW 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, N 1/2 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 15 East; Lots 1, 2, E 1/2 NW 1/4 of Section 18, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 2 North, Range 16 East; SW 1/4 of Section 33, NE 1/4 NW 1/4, N 1/2 SE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 3 North, Range 15 East; NW 1/4, E 1/2 SW 1/4 of Section 29, Lots 1, 2, 3, E 1/2 NW 1/4, NE 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 30, SE 1/4, E 1/2 SW 1/4 of Section 33, N 1/2 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4, E 1/2 SE 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4, S 1/2 SW 1/4, NW 1/4 SW 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 16 East, NMPM, containing

improvements thereon, if any, and other matters related thereto may be obtained by writing to the Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

DATED at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 17th day of June, A.D., 1964.

/s/ E.S. Johnny Walker
E.S. JOHNNY WALKER
COMMISSIONER
OF PUBLIC LANDS
State of New Mexico
EVC 11x: July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27; Sept. 3, 10, 1964.

5,869.26 acres, more or less, according to the government survey thereof. (COUNTY BOND LANDS). The improvements upon these lands have been appraised at \$18,840.00.

The above-described lands are located approximately from 5 miles East to 13 miles South of Duran, New Mexico.

SALE NO. 5072: SE 1/4-NE 1/4, NW 1/4, N 1/2-SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 29, SE 1/4 NE 1/4, E 1/2 NW 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 1 North, Range 16 East, NMPM, containing 480.00 acres, more or less, according to the government survey thereof. The improvements upon these lands have been appraised at \$2,240.00. (AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE LANDS).

The above-described lands are located approximately 14 miles southeast of Duran, New Mexico.

Said above-described lands have been appraised at \$8.00 per acre, and no bids for a less amount will be accepted.

Those desiring to qualify as bidders will be required to deposit with the Commissioner, or his agent conducting the sale, \$305.00 on each sale to apply on costs of appraisal and advertising; plus five (5%) per cent of the appraised value of the Agricultural College Lands and ten (10%) per cent of the appraised value of the County Bond Lands, and the TOTAL appraised value of the improvements, unless bidder be the owner of said improvements. Any person desiring to qualify as a bidder must qualify before the bidding in such sale has been completed. All deposits shall be in cash, certified or cashier's check or bank money order, and made payable to the Commissioner of Public Lands. All deposits will be refunded to unsuccessful bidders.

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Legal Notice

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF TORRANCE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT

No. Probate 68
IN THE MATTER OF THE
LAST WILL AND TESTA-
MENT OF ORVILLE JOHN
WHITE, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING
ON FINAL ACCOUNT
AND REPORT

THE STATE OF NEW MEX-
ICO TO:

Ila Shipman White, the sole beneficiary and legatee of the said Orville John White, Deceased, Emery Flaherty Donna White

and all unknown heirs of ORVILLE JOHN WHITE, Deceased; and all unknown persons claiming any lien upon, or right, title, or interest in or to the estate of ORVILLE JOHN WHITE, Deceased.

GREETINGS:

You and each of you are hereby notified that the final account and report of the ancillary executrix herein has been filed with this Court, and that on the 25th day of August, 1964, at ten o'clock in the morning, in the Chambers of the Court, County Courthouse, Estancia, New Mexico, the Court will proceed to hear any and all objections to said final account and report, and to determine the heirship of said decedent, the ownership of his estate, and the interest of each respective claimant thereto or therein, and the persons entitled to the distribution thereof.

You and each of you are further cited and notified to appear at said time and place and show cause, if any you have, why said final account and report should not be approved, why said estate should not be distributed as prayed for in said report, and the administration thereof should not be closed.

The attorney for the ancillary executrix is Henry J. Hughes, Sena Plaza, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

WITNESS the Hon. Garnett R. Burks, District Judge, and the seal of said District Court this 16th day of June, 1964.

/s/ Boleslo Boney Perea
Clerk of the District
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MEDICAL PLEDGES

EXCEED \$14,000

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the location of a medical center and doctor in the Valley.

It was also considered significant that relatively few campaign workers had reported any totals, and it was believed that the majority of them were trying to complete their contacts before turning in their pledges and totals.

The campaign organization sent out a total of 438 pledge cards with campaign workers. Slightly more than 100 of these have been returned with pledges. Also sent out were 32 special pledge cards to institutions. Only three of these, pledging a total of \$1350, had been returned.

Two hundred letters were mailed to former Estancia Valley residents who still retain an interest in the Valley. Sufficient time has not yet lapsed to receive the expected responses from these.

Thus far, the bulk of the pledges has come from Estancia and its immediate area. Only a half a dozen pledges had been received from Moriarty—but for a total of almost \$1000, and none of the volunteers known to be working in the Willard area had yet turned in their reports.

The drive had been scheduled to close Wednesday, but campaign leaders believe it may be several days before all workers in outlying areas will have turned in their pledge cards.

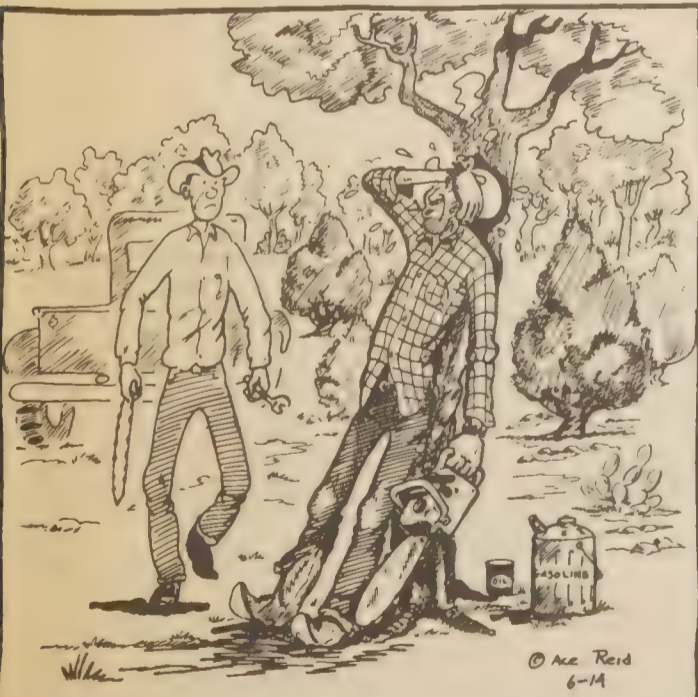
WILLINGHAMS VISIT -0- INTERNATIONAL DINNER

ESTANCIA — The family of AMS3 Wayne Willingham, including Mrs. Willingham and the couple's two sons, of Virginia Beach, Va., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B.E. Wallace. Mrs. Willingham is a daughter of the Wallaces.

ENCINO — An international dinner was the highlight of the July 7 meeting of the Torrance County Extension Homemakers Council in Encino. Each club in the county contributed covered dishes representing a foreign country.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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ANAYA VOICES THANKS TO COMMITTEEMEN FOR JULY 4 CELEBRATION

MORIARTY — Mike Anaya, Moriarty village councilman in charge of parks and recreation, has extended the council's thanks to the committeemen whose hard work and co-operation made possible the community's second successful Fourth of July celebration.

Committees, and those who accepted special duties, follow:

Publicity — Don Flemings, chairman; Mrs. Flemings, Carlos Anaya, Shirley Dunn. Barbecue — Lawrence Smith, chairman; Carl Cannon, co-chairman; Dick Shipman, Bill Pogue and Johnny Latham.

Meal committee — B.M. Grissom, chairman; Mrs. Grissom, Betsy Clark, Betty Kay Wright, Mary Ann Grissom, Carey Dee Ingman, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Clark, Mrs. V. E. Chilton, Mrs. Charles Morrison, Capt. Ed Jones, Mrs. Paul Davis, Mrs. Mike Anaya, Tomey Anaya and Paul Evans.

Supplies — W.R. (Wally) Wilson, committee-of-one.

Recreation — Sam Salvo, chairman; Mrs. C. T. Butler, Mrs. Cliff Irvin, Mrs. W.B. Chaney, Richard Bradfute, Maron Henson, Otis Henson.

Fireworks — Bill Pogue, chairman; D.O. Clark, Loyd K. Williams, Oren E. Burns and Ralph Anaya.

Dance — Frank Sayner, chairman; Nix Williams, Carlos Anaya, Bill Dunn, Joe Henry, Ronald Davis and the Tommy Williams band.

Park preparations — Mayor Ray Johnston, who also had charge of the public address system; Richard Bradfute and Prospero Saiz.

Finance and registration — Mrs. Rita Davis and Mrs. Eleanor Salvo, co-chairmen; Elnora Anaya, Helen Richards and J. C. Alderson.

Concession stand and merry-go-round — Moriarty Rotary Club, Bob Hensley, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Butler, Gene Hanks, and Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Ryan of Estancia, who furnished the merry-go-round.

Program participants — Councilman Ernest Hawkins, who delivered the welcome; Boys State and Girls State delegates Bud Dunn, Bryan Armstrong, Lila Clark, and W. Peter McAtee, national executive committeeman for the Dept. of New Mexico, American Legion, who gave the principal address.

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FIVE TEACHERS ACCEPT POSTS IN ESTANCIA; MR., MRS. WEST RESIGN

The Estancia Board of Education in action last Friday night hired five teachers, accepted the resignations of two, requested the superintendent to invest idle school activity funds, and discussed effects of the Tajique-Torreon consolidation.

Resigning to move to Cimarron are Mr. and Mrs. David West who had been with the Estancia School for five years. Mr. West was high school basketball coach. Mrs. West taught in the elementary school. He is accepting a similar position in Cimarron.

New personnel are Miss Carolyn Hughes, Mrs. Mary Davis, Mr. Earl Denton, Mr. Robert DeWitt, and Mrs. Vida Aldridge. All except Mrs. Aldridge are high school teachers.

The Tajique-Torreon consolidation took up the majority of time at the meeting. The board heard of plans for a school bus survey to be conducted this week in the district to determine the best manner of adjusting the routes to bring in students who had been attending Tajique and Torreon elementary schools. The superintendent was instructed to proceed with plans to develop the abandoned schools into community centers in conference with Tajique and Torreon civic officials.

The impact of the consolidation on the Van Stone elementary school is predicted as requiring an additional four classrooms which now are not available. The board of education plans to meet today to tour the facilities for determination of the best method to obtain these classrooms. Most alternatives stress remodeling of present facilities.

The size of the balance in the school's activity fund was discussed, and the board directed the superintendent to invest a part of this amount in order to earn additional funds for school activities. The activity fund is composed primarily of money earned by students outside the normal school program. The majority of the funds are held by the various classes and the athletic department. The proposed investment is patterned after the present investment plan of County Treasurer Cyril Tate which earns three percent interest on regular school funds on deposit in his office. The investments are staggered so that a portion of the total comes due every 30 days to be reinvested or expended as needed. The proposed plan for the activity funds will be carried out with the Estancia bank.

The new teachers fill several key positions in the high school structure. Miss Hughes, a 1964 graduate of New Mexico State, will be the new home economics teacher. She currently resides in Monument, New Mexico. Mrs. Davis, an Albuquerque resident, recently attended the University of New Mexico for refresher credit and is to work in English or Citizenship. She received her degree from Iowa State University in 1953. Mr. Denton, employed in Bloomfield schools last year, will be the new high school guidance counselor and will teach English or mathematics. Mrs. Aldridge is to teach second grade. She currently lives in Santa Fe, but has taught recently in Belen.

Mr. DeWitt has been appointed head basketball coach for Estancia High School. Originally from Ohio, Mr. DeWitt worked in the Artesia and Alamogordo schools in coaching before returning last year to Ohio. He is currently enrolled at the University of New Mexico.

The board heard several reports from the superintendent involving educational television, school handbooks for parents, the 1964-65 student insurance program, the successful closing of the 1963-64 fiscal year, and a physical plants survey of Estancia Schools by Dr. W. O. Wilson of the University of New Mexico. Dr. Wilson's survey is expected to give the board guidelines in planning a capital improvements program for the future.

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MRS. ESTHER HARRISON LEAVES FOR GALLUP

ESTANCIA — Mrs. Esther Harrison, for many years the operator of the Estancia Hotel here, has closed the hotel and moved to Gallup.

The 18-room hotel is now up for sale.

Mrs. Harrison, who recently recovered from a critical illness, will reside in Gallup with her daughter, Mrs. Harriett Luperson, who is manager of food and beverage services at the famed El Rancho Hotel, once the playground of California millionaires and the property of the old Griffin family of motion picture fame.

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cell, tissue, organ and gland."

Health authorities said the cone, apparently cast from concrete, was about four inches high and yellowish in color. The one found in Estancia was broken open there. At the base of the cone are stamped the words "Radioactive Thomas Cone."

The advertising brochure describing the cone originated in Lubbock, Tex.

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F-L BUREAU DIRECTORS MEET AT MARTIN HOME

ESTANCIA — The board of directors of the Torrance County Farm and Livestock Bureau met Monday of last week at the home of the president, Bill Martin.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Floyd Bailey of Albuquerque, Gene Finch of Espanola, Don King of Stanley, Will Milton of Santa Fe, R.T. Floyd, Adran Brown and Mrs. Ray O. Brown.

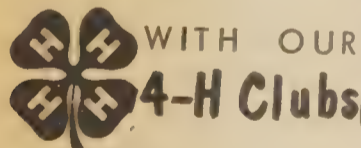
Business up for discussion and disposed of included the forthcoming Farm Bureau 4-H Club meeting, the Farm Bureau barbecue, the Political Education Program Committee, the Farm Bureau auction and the investment of Farm Bureau funds in the Estancia Valley Medical Center.

The board took a strong position against Senate Bill No. 528 before Congress. The bill would extend the minimum wage law to farm workers. They also took a strong position against Senate Bill 529, which would extend the National Labor Relations Act to farm workers. All directors will write the four members of New Mexico's congressional delegation. The directors concluded that these bills would result in union membership for all farm laborers.

The next regular meeting will be the 4-H meeting tonight at the Ewing Community Center.

Further plans for the auction and the barbecue will be announced next week.

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WITH OUR
4-H Clubs

ESTANCIA

By Danny Brown, Reporter

Estancia junior 4-H Club members met at 7:30 p.m. June 25 in the Estancia Community Bldg. Twelve members were present.

The county 4-H picnic and the district contests in Taos were discussed.

The picnic was held June 28 at the Tajique Ranger Station of Cibola National Forest on June 28. There was a large attendance, and all clubs in the county were represented.

Two junior members of Estancia went to Taos for the district meeting and contests Monday of this week. Jeff Morgan went as a junior livestock judge, and Steve Strain went with his leathercraft exhibit and demonstration.

Mrs. William Vaughn, our organizational leader, accompanied the two junior Estancia members.

The Mark of

ZERO

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happily and vigorously. Betsy had every reason to be elated with her achievements and prospects in her 4-H program this year.

Then on July 5, a Sunday, the Clarks drove to Estancia for the afternoon. When they returned, someone noticed the mother ewe was behaving peculiarly. Investigation showed she was nosing the little ram, trying to get him back on his feet.

He would never walk, or jump again. A bullet had passed straight through his head.

-zerO-

Betsy had just recovered from the initial shock after learning of this needless and wanton act of destruction. She had retreated to the back steps of the Clark home to be alone with her deep sorrow. The wound to her heart was opened afresh when her big shaggy dog — one that had adopted the Clarks about a year earlier — brought the limp body of the tiny lamb and laid it at her feet. His pleading, entreating eyes conveyed a message much clearer than words.

"Betsy," they said, "you nursed me when I was sick. You have bound and mended my wounds and restored me to health. There is magic in your gentle loving hands. You have performed miracles with your other lambs — made them proud and handsome in the show ring and kept them healthy and happy. Now, this little fellow needs your help. Do something for him, Betsy, please!"

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Does anyone wonder why Zero chooses the perpetrator of this wanton, needless act as his No. 1 nominee for the "World's Meanest Man?"

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This unnamed brute has earned the leading role, but he does have a supporting cast — a big one!

Most of the other actors also have rifles — or pistols

— and they seem to have chosen the rich irrigated farmlands of the Estancia Valley as their stage.

The other members of the supporting cast also are anonymous, like hit-and-run drivers. To identify their deeds with their names would spoil their "fun" (again the double quotes are deliberate).

Most Valley folks think they come from the opposite side of the Manzanos — from the big metropolis to the west — and with good reason. Most Valley folks have rifles, and some of them have sidearms. But by reason of their rural background and training, by reason of their heritage, they know how to care for a gun, and they know how it should be used and under what circumstances it should be used — to provide food for the

family, to protect themselves, their families and their property, to rid the skies and fields of predators — BUT NEVER TO DESTROY PROPERTY OR BREAK LITTLE GIRLS' HEARTS.

Every year this cast of actors costs the Estancia Valley, collectively, thousands of dollars.

The actors move into the Valley on weekends and holidays. They invoke the hospitality of landowners and homeowners. They bring their rifles, and they intend to use them. When an afternoon of shooting becomes dull, there is nothing so invigorating as to shoot holes into a water tank, or into the blades or tail of a windmill, or into the walls of a newly vacated farmhouse.

And Valley farms and pastures provide some wonderful moving targets —

Herefords or Aberdeen Angus; Shropshires, Hampshires and Rambouillets; Berkshires, Durocs and Chester Whites they are called. Oh what joy!

-zerO-

This type of waste can be stopped, but it will be stopped only when the Valley as a whole arises in righteous indignation as one and puts a stop to it.

Valley farmers and ranchers have tried to live up to their reputation as good neighbors. When friends or strangers come from the city, they try to be agreeable and let the crowded city dweller partake of the joys of the open spaces. They presume, erroneously at times, that their self-invited guests will have the same high regard for fences, gates, livestock, equipment as the far-

mer himself should have.

And this good neighbor attitude has generated a lot of needless loss and waste and expense — to none other than the good neighbor himself.

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Unfortunately, the true sportsman must pay for the lack of character on the part of the man with a gun who is not a good sportsman, but the only answer is to post all farm land, form a landowners' protective association if necessary and arrange for the association's members to be deputized for the weekend and holiday patrol duty.

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It is unfortunate, but it is also obvious that too many sportsmen are unwilling to pay the price of sportsmanship.

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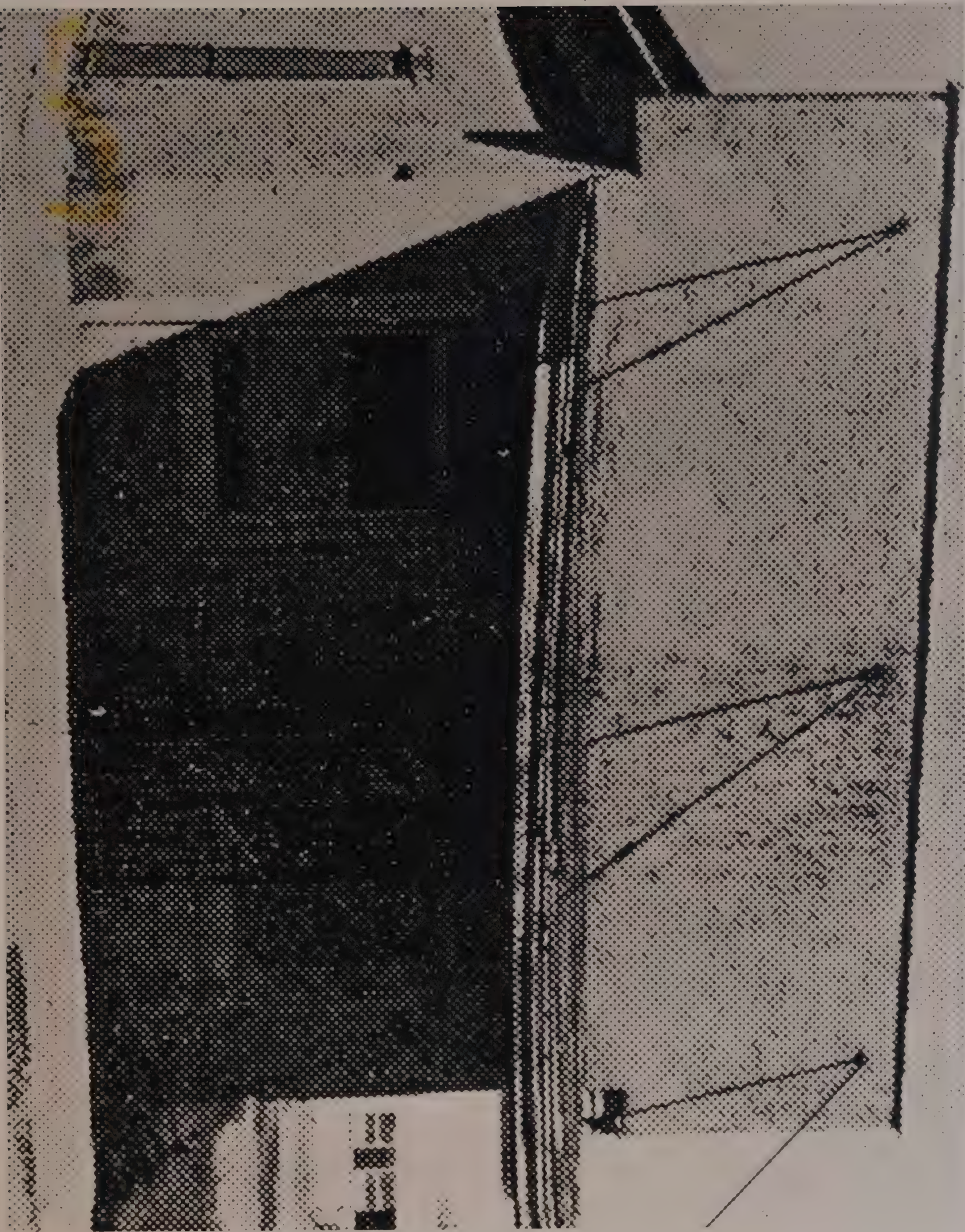
Special to the Citizen

SHAWNEE, Okla. — Two Estancia Valley students won special recognition at Oklahoma Baptist University here for their scholastic achievements during the second semester of the 1963-64 academic year.

Miss Janet Lee Hastey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hastey of Box 235, Moriarty, was one of 80 to place on the President's Honor Roll, an honor reserved for those maintaining a scholastic average of 3.5 out of a possible 4.0. Students who qualified for this recognition also were required to complete 12 semester hours of study and to receive no grade lower than a B.

One of 153 students on the Dean's Honor Roll was Robert D. Nowlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nowlin of Box 437, Estancia. To qualify for this honor a student was required to maintain a grade average of 3.0 or higher in 12 semester hours of study with no grade lower than C.

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YEAR	QUANTITY	CONDITION	SIZE	ARTIST	TITLE
1993	3	good	L	Betty Sabo	No Title Printed
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1991					
1990	3	good	L	Bob Lee	No Title Printed
1989	4	good	L	Unknown	None (Cowboy on Horse)
1988	12	good	L	A. T. Cox	No Title Printed
	3	good	S	A. T. Cox	No Title Printed
	2	good	S	(Cartoons)	"The Original Cowpoke"
1987	3	good	L	A. T. Cox	No Title Printed
	2	good	S	A. T. Cox	No Title Printed
	2	good	S	(Cartoons)	"The Original Cowpoke"
1986	1	good	L	Abeyita	(Not Printed) Sandpainter
	9	good	S	Abeyita	(Not Printed) Sandpainter
1985	1	good	S	Gordon Snidow	O'Misery
1984	4	good	L	Gordon Snidow	Heading for the Barn
1983	2	good	L	Gordon Snidow	Counting His Money
1982					
1981					
1980					
1979					
1978					
1077					
1976	1	fair	L	Tom Ryan	Big Enough
	1	fair	S	Tom Ryan	Big Enough
1975	1	good	L	Gordon Snidow	A Near Miss
1974	1	good	L	Tom Ryan	The Heritage
1973	1	good	L	Tom Ryan	Sixty Years in the Saddle
1972	1	poor, whole	L	Tom Ryan	The Noon Break
1971	2	fair	L	Tom Ryan	Sharing an Apple
1970	2	good	L	Tom Ryan	A Split Decision
1969					
1968	1	no calendar	L	Tom Ryan	Ghost Town

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First National Bank of Belen Calendars Available for Exhibit

As of July 16, 1993

YEAR	QUANTITY	CONDITION	SIZE	ARTIST	TITLE
1993	3	good	L	Betty Sabo	No Title Printed
	8	good	M		
	2	good	S		
	1	good	S	(Cartoons)	The Back Forty
1992	1	good	L	Wm. Moyers	Five Miles to Supper
	1	good	M		
	3	good	S	(Cartoons)	"The Original Cowpokes"
1991	10	good	L	A. T. Cox	No Title Printed
	8	good	M		
1990	3	good	L	Bob Lee	No Title Printed
1989	4	good	L	A. T. Cox	None (Cowboy on Horse)
1988	12	good	L	A. T. Cox	No Title Printed
	3	good	S		
	2	good	S	(Cartoons)	"The Original Cowpoke"
1987	3	good	L	A. T. Cox	No Title Printed
	2	good	S		
	2	good	S	(Cartoons)	"The Original Cowpoke"
1986	1	good	L	Abeyita	(Not Printed) Sandpainter
	9	good	S		
1985	1	good	L	Gordon Snidow	O'Misery
	1	good	S		
1984	4	good	L	Gordon Snidow	Heading for the Barn
1983	2	good	L	Gordon Snidow	Counting His Money
1982					
1981?	1	no calendar	L	Frank Hoffman	Turning a Stray
	1	no calendar	M		
1980	1	good	L	Geo. Phippen	Hiding Out
1979					
1978					
1077					
1976	1	fair	L	Tom Ryan	Big Enough
	1	fair	S	Tom Ryan	Big Enough
1975	1	good	L	Gordon Snidow	A Near Miss

1974	1	good	L	Tom Ryan	The Heritage
1973	1	good	L	Tom Ryan	Sixty Years in the Saddle
1972	1	poor, whole	L	Tom Ryan	The Noon Break
1971	2	fair	L	Tom Ryan	Sharing an Apple
1970	2	good	L	Tom Ryan	A Split Decision
1969					
1968	1	no calendar	L	Tom Ryan	Ghost Town
	1	good	S		
1950	1	good	M	?	The Best of the Bunch
1945	1	good	Desk		
c1961	1	good	Metal Perpetual		
c1955	1	fair	Metal Perpetual		

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As of July 26, 1993

YEAR	QUANTITY	CONDITION	SIZE	ARTIST	TITLE
1993	3	good	L	Betty Sabo	No Title Printed
	8	good	M		
	2	good	S		
	1	good	S	(Cartoons)	The Back Forty
1992	1	good	L	Wm. Moyers	Five Miles to Supper
	1	good	M		
	3	good	S	(Cartoons)	"The Original Cowpokes"
1991	10	good	L	A. T. Cox	No Title Printed
	8	good	M		
1990	3	good	L	Bob Lee	No Title Printed
1989	4	good	L	A. T. Cox	None (Cowboy on Horse)
1988	12	good	L	A. T. Cox	No Title Printed
	3	good	S		
	2	good	S	(Cartoons)	"The Original Cowpoke"
1987	3	good	L	A. T. Cox	No Title Printed
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1986	1	good	L	Abeyita	(Not Printed) Sandpainter
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1974	1	good	L	Tom Ryan	The Heritage

1973	1	good	L	Tom Ryan	Sixty Years in the Saddle
1972	1	poor, whole	L	Tom Ryan	The Noon Break
1971	2	fair	L	Tom Ryan	Sharing an Apple
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1969					
1968	1	no calendar	L	Tom Ryan	Ghost Town
	1	good	S		
1950	1	good	M	?	The Best of the Bunch
1945	1	good	Desk		

c1961	1	good	Metal Perpetual	
c1955	1	fair	Metal Perpetual	

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As of July 27, 1993

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	2	good	S		
	1	good	S	(Cartoons)	The Back Forty
1992	1	good	L	Wm. Moyers	Five Miles to Supper
	1	good	M		
	3	good	S	(Cartoons)	"The Original Cowpokes"
1991	10	good	L	A. T. Cox	No Title Printed
	8	good	M		
1990	3	good	L	Bob Lee	No Title Printed
1989	4	good	L	A. T. Cox	None (Cowboy on Horse)
1988	12	good	L	A. T. Cox	No Title Printed
	3	good	S		
	2	good	S	(Cartoons)	"The Original Cowpoke"
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1983	2	good	L	Gordon Snidow	Counting His Money
1982					
1981?	1	no calendar	L	Frank Hoffman	Turning a Stray
	1	no calendar	M		
1980	1	good	L	Geo. Phippen	Hiding Out
1979	1	good	M	Geo. Phippen	Trail Herd
1978	1	good	L	Duane Bryers	Beans 'n Apple Pie
1977	1	no calendar	L	Duane Bryers	Fringe Benefit
1976	1	good	L	Tom Ryan	Big Enough
	1	fair	L		
	1	fair	S		
1975	1	good	L	Gordon Snidow	A Near Miss

1974	1	good	L	Tom Ryan	The Heritage
1973	1	good	L	Tom Ryan	Sixty Years in the Saddle
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	Taos Indians Watering Horses
	Edge of the Sage
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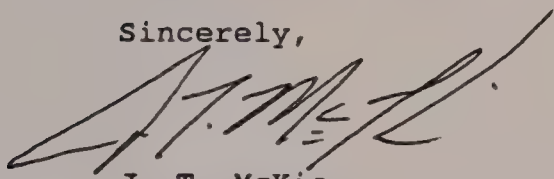
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W.L. DAVIDSON, ASST. CASHIER

Belen, New Mexico

December 14, 1928.

Mr. H. W. Mathis,
Belen, N.M.

Dear Mr. Mathis:

Inclosed herein you will please find
two new recorded satisfactions of mortgage;
releasing the following mortgages:

Filed for record in Book M-A Page 334
on the 27th day of May 1927.

Filed for record in Book M-9 page 234
on the 21st day of January, 1927.

Yours very truly,

Cashier.

LCB:LS



Blue 2-1-10-10

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

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Belen, New Mexico

October 10, 1929.

Mr. H. W. Mathis,
Belen, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Mathis:

We are returning to you the following instruments:

Warranty Deed, from Paul B. Dalies, attorney in fact for Charles Reinken to yourself, dated Aug 14, 1926.

Mortgage Deed, from yourself and Mrs. Mathis to ourselves, dated Jan. 19, 1927, together with satisfaction of the same.

Mortgage Deed, from yourself and Mrs. Mathis to ourselves, dated May 23, 1927, together with satisfaction of the same.

Fire Insurance Policy, Liverpool London and Globe, No. 27752, expires 10-21-29.

In order to clear the records on your place, we suggest that you send both satisfactions to the County Clerk at Los Lunas for recording.

Yours truly,

A C a s h i e r.

ME
Registered.
3 Encl.



Mathis

ORDER FOR WATER TO BE TURNED ON

Belen, N. M., 1/15-1930

Nº 217

WATER SUPPLY COMPANY,

I, the undersigned, owner of the property located at No. _____

East side Street, hereby request water to be turned on for use in connection with the above property, and in consideration of such service I agree to pay all proper charges for water used through said service while I remain the owner of said property.

Meter no 3822071

H.W. Mathis

OWNER

Turned on 1/15 By J. B. Campbell

Remarks: Deposit \$5.00 Pals

First National Bank of Belen Notes

Series 1902

\$20	Clean but folded - Blue Seal	\$ 8,000.00
\$10	Clean but folded - Blue Seal	7,500.00
\$10	circulated - Blue Seal	4,000.00
\$10	Clean but folded - Blue Seal	7,500.00

Series 1929

\$10	uncirculated - ^{unknown back} Blue Seal	\$1,500.00
\$5	circulated with tape down right side - Red Seal	?

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New Mexico Territory

The greatest opportunity for collectors, both in terms of numbers of available notes, and in the variety of types issued, to acquire notes of territorial issue is provided by the issues of New Mexico Territory. Under territorial status from 1870-1912, New Mexico National Bank Note issues with the territorial designation can be found in the First, Second and Third Charter periods. A strong total of six banks issued territorial notes in First Charter obligations, two of which have yet to be reported: The San Miguel National Bank of Las Vegas (#2454) and The First National Bank of Socorro (#2627).

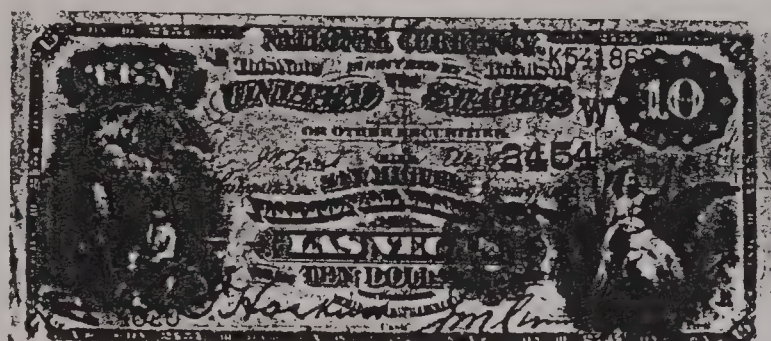
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Roman L. Latimer



The San Miguel National Bank of Las Vegas, Second Charter, Date Back

THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK OF ALAMOGORDO 8315 (6L)

Chartered in July 1906 with a capital of \$30,000. Placed in voluntary liquidation on January 16, 1912, capital of \$50,000.

Third Charter, Red Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	1-450	5's	1,800	3000	3500	5000
10-10-10-20	1-460	10's	1,380	3000	3500	5000
	1-460	20's	460	3500	4000	5500

Third Charter, Dated Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	1-1675	5's	6,700	1500	2000	3000
10-10-10-20	1-1198	10's	3,594	1750	2250	3250
	1-1198	20's	1,198	2000	2500	4000

Total amount of circulation issued = \$125,400. Amount outstanding at close = \$50,000. Amount outstanding in October 1912 = \$25,125

15,132 Large 0 Small 15,132 Total

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ALAMOGORDO 5244 (6L)

Chartered on January 15, 1900 with a capital of \$50,000.

Second Charter, Brown Backs	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	1-1010	5's	4,040	3000	4000	6000
10-10-10-20	1-776	10's	2,328	3250	4250	6250
	1-776	20's	776	3500	4500	6500

Second Charter, Dated Back	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	1-1100	5's	4,400	3000	4000	6000
10-10-10-20	1-780	10's	2,340	3250	4250	6250
	1-780	20's	780	3500	4500	6500

14,664 Large 0 Small 14,664 Total

THE ALBUQUERQUE NATIONAL BANK 3222 (6L)

Organized on July 14, 1884 with a capital of \$50,000. Placed in receivership on August 11, 1893; capital of \$175,000. Reason for failure: incompetent management.

Second Charter, Brown Backs	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	1-2125	5's	8,500	3000	4000	6000
10-10-10-20	1-1423	10's	4,269	3250	4250	6250
	1-1423	20's	1,423	3500	4500	6500

Total amount of circulation issued = \$113,650. Amount outstanding at close = \$44,150. Amount outstanding in 1916 = \$740.

14,192 Large 0 Small 14,192 Total

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE 2614 (3L)

Organized on December 24, 1881 with a capital of \$50,000.

First Charter, Series of 1875	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	1-9957	5's	39,828	1750	2750	4000
10-10-10-20	1-7468	10's	22,404	2000	3000	5000
	1-7468	20's	7,468	2500	3500	5500

Second Charter, Brown Backs	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
50-100	1-2960	50's	2,960	5000	10000	15000
	1-2960	100's	2,960	6000	12000	15000

Second Charter, Dated Back	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	1-2500	5's	10,000	1500	2500	3500
50-100	1-1400	50's	1,400	5000	7500	12000
	1-1400	100's	1,400	6000	12000	15000
50-50-50-100	1-300	50's	900	5000	7500	12000
	1-300	100's	300	6000	12000	15000

89,620 Large 0 Small 89,620 Total

THE STATE NATIONAL BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE 7186 (5L)

Organized on March 17, 1904 with a capital of \$100,000.

Third Charter, Red Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-5500	10's	16,500	3000	3500	5000
	1-5500	20's	5,500	3000	3500	5000

Third Charter, Dated Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-4100	10's	12,300	2000	2500	3500
	1-4100	20's	4,100	2000	2500	3500

38,400 Large 0 Small 38,400 Total

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ARTESIA 7043 (6L)

Organized on August 15, 1903 with a capital of \$25,000.

Third Charter, Red Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-800	10's	2,400	3000	4000	7500
	1-800	20's	800	3500	4500	8000

Third Charter, Dated Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-1450	10's	4,350	2500	3500	5000
	1-1450	20's	1,450	3000	4000	6000

9,000 Large 0 Small 9,000 Total

THE STATE NATIONAL BANK OF ARTESIA 9468 (6L)

Chartered in July 1909 with a capital of \$50,000.

Third Charter, Dated Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-1700	10's	5,100	2000	2500	3500
	1-1700	20's	1,700	2250	2750	3750

6,800 Large 0 Small 6,800 Total

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BELEN 6597 (6L)

Chartered in January 1903 with a capital of \$25,000.

Third Charter, Red Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-400	10's	1,200	3000	4000	7500
	1-400	20's	400	3500	4500	8000

Third Charter, Dated Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-560	10's	1,680	2500	3500	5000
	1-560	20's	560	3000	4000	6000

3,840 Large 0 Small 3,840 Total

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CARLSBAD 5487 (6L)

Chartered on July 7, 1900 with a capital of \$25,000.

Second Charter, Brown Backs	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	1-500	5's	2,000	3000	4000	6000
10-10-10-20	1-840	10's	2,520	3250	4250	6250
	1-840	20's	840	3500	4500	6500

Second Charter, Dated Back	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	1-725	5's	2,900	3000	4000	6000
10-10-10-20	1-580	10's	1,740	3250	4250	6250
	1-580	20's	580	3500	4500	6500

10,580 Large 0 Small 10,580 Total

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CARLSBAD 6884 (6L)

Organized on July 8, 1903 with a capital of \$30,000.

Third Charter, Red Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-400	10's	1,200	3000	4000	7500
	1-400	20's	400	3500	4500	8000

Third Charter, Dated Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-650	10's	1,950	2500	3500	5000
	1-650	20's	650	3000	4000	6000

4,200 Large 0 Small 4,200 Total

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CIMARRON 9292 (6L)

Chartered in December 1908 with a capital of \$25,000.

Third Charter, Dated Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-900	10's	2,700	2500	3500	5000
	1-900	20's	900	3000	4000	5500

3,600 Large 0 Small 3,600 Total

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CLAYTON 5713 (4)

Chartered on February 14, 1901 with a capital of \$25,000.

Second Charter, Brown Backs	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	1-2875	5's	11,500	2000	3000	5000
10-10-10-20	1-2080	10's	6,240	2000	3000	5000
	1-2080	20's	2,080	2500	3500	5500

Second Charter, Dated Back	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	1-2350	5's	9,400	2000	3000	5000
10-10-10-20	1-1480	10's	4,440	2000	3000	5000
	1-1480	20's	1,480	2000	3000	5000

35,140 Large 0 Small 35,140 Total

THE CLOVIS NATIONAL BANK 8767 (6L)

Chartered in June 1907 with a capital of \$25,000.

Third Charter, Red Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	1-150	5's	600	3000	4000	7500
10-10-10-10	1-150	10's	600	3000	4000	7500

Third Charter, Dated Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	1-1500	5's	6,000	2500	3500	5000
10-10-10-10	1-1150	10's	4,600	2500	3500	5000

11,800 Large 0 Small 11,800 Total

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CLOVIS 8784 (6L)

Organized on June 14, 1907 with a capital of \$35,000.

Third Charter, Red Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-400	10's	1,200	3000	4000	7500
	1-400	20's	400	3500	4500	8000

Third Charter, Dated Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-800	10's	2,400	2500	3500	5000
	1-800	20's	800	3000	4000	6000

4,800 Large 0 Small 4,800 Total

THE DEMING NATIONAL BANK 6974 (6L)

Organized on August 5, 1903 with a capital of \$25,000.

Third Charter, Red Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-1200	10's	3,600	3000	4000	7500
	1-1200	20's	1,200	3500	4500	8000

Third Charter, Dated Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-1000	10's	3,000	2500	3500	5000
	1-1000	20's	1,000	3000	4000	6000

8,800 Large 0 Small 8,800 Total

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DEMING 3160 (6L)

Organized on April 22, 1884 with a capital of \$50,000. Succeeded the Commercial Bank. Placed in receivership on February 29, 1892; capital of \$100,000. Reason for failure: incompetent management.

Second Charter, Brown Backs	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-930	10's	2,790	3250	4250	6250
	1-930	20's	930	3500	4500	6500

Total amount of circulation issued = \$46,500. Amount outstanding at close = \$22,500. Amount outstanding in 1916 = \$370.

3,720 Large 0 Small 3,720 Total

THE NATIONAL BANK OF DEMING 4746 (6L)

Chartered on June 1, 1892. Placed in voluntary liquidation on March 26, 1895; capital of \$50,000. Succeeded by the Bank of Deming.

Second Charter, Brown Backs	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-363	10's	1,089	3250	4250	6250
	1-363	20's	363	3500	4500	6500

Total amount of circulation issued = \$18,150. Amount outstanding at close = \$11,250. Amount outstanding in 1910 = \$120.

1,452 Large 0 Small 1,452 Total

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF EDDY 4455 (6L)

Organized on October 31, 1890 with a capital of \$50,000. Placed in receivership on November 10, 1896; capital of \$50,000. Reason for failure: incompetent management & local depression.

Second Charter, Brown Backs	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-579	10's	1,737	3250	4250	6250
	1-579	20's	579	3500	4500	6500

Total amount of circulation issued = \$28,950. Amount outstanding at close = \$10,900. Amount outstanding in 1916 = \$170.

2,316 Large 0 Small 2,316 Total

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ELIDA 8348 (6L)

Chartered in August 1906 with a capital of \$25,000.

Third Charter, Red Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-800	10's	2,400	3000	4000	7500
	1-800	20's	800	3500	4500	8000

Third Charter, Dated Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-1160	10's	3,480	3000	4000	7500
	1-1160	20's	1,160	3500	4500	8000

7,840 Large 0 Small 7,840 Total

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CUTTER 8662 (6L)

Succeeded the First National Bank of Engle on September 7, 1907. Placed in voluntary liquidation on July 22, 1908, capital of \$25,000.

Third Charter, Red Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	A
10-10-10-20	1-136	10's	408	3000	4000	7500
	1-136	20's	136	3500	4500	8000

New Mexico

Notes from towns other than Albuquerque, which heavily dominates the number of survivors, enjoy great popularity and offer the collector such interesting names as Gallup, Hope, and Silver City. With notes known on all 23 banks which issued Series 1929 notes, New Mexico is added to the roster of states for which it is possible to assemble a "complete" collection of small size notes.

New Mexico offers dramatic proof that issue numbers and survival are not always related, as there are many instances in which the more prolific issuing banks offer a greater challenge to today's collectors than the smaller banks.

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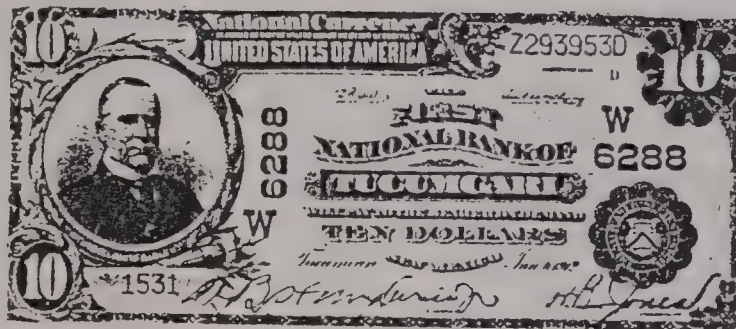
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SMALL SIZE

Notes from all banks reported.

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The First National Bank of Tucumcari, Third Charter, Blue Seal, Plain Back, with Geographic Letter

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ALAMOGORDO 5244 (6L)

Succeeded a territorial bank. Placed in voluntary liquidation on July 1, 1915; capital of \$25,000.

Second Charter, Dated Back	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	1-105	5's	420	1500	2500	5000
10-10-10-20	1-46	10's	138	2000	3000	6000
	1-46	20's	46	2500	3500	7000

Total amount of circulation issued = \$124,400. Amount outstanding at close = \$15,500. Amount outstanding in October 1915 = \$12,750.

604 Large 0 Small 604 Total

ALBUQUERQUE NATIONAL BANK 12485 (2L)

Chartered in January 1924 with a capital of \$250,000. Absorbed #11442 on April 14, 1924. Title changed to Albuquerque National Trust and Savings Bank on October 8, 1928.

Third Charter, Plain Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	1-13809	5's	55,236	100	175	450
10-10-10-20	1-9581	10's	28,743	125	200	450
	1-9581	20's	9,581	125	200	500

93,560 Large 0 Small 93,560 Total

ALBUQUERQUE NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK 12485 (4L 1S)

Succeeded the Albuquerque National Bank on October 8, 1928.

Third Charter, Plain Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	1-7373	5's	29,492	150	300	500
1929, Type I						
6-5's	1-16408	5's	98,448	50	100	150
6-10's	1-4362	10's	26,172	75	100	150
6-20's	1-1056	20's	6,336	75	100	150

1929, Type II	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5's	1-20464	5's	20,464	75	100	150
10's	1-10392	10's	10,392	75	100	150
20's	1-2764	20's	2,764	100	150	200

Total amount of circulation issued = \$2,044,890. Amount outstanding in July 1935 = \$251,900. Amount of large outstanding in July 1935 = \$6,810.

29,492 Large 164,576 Small 194,068 Total

THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE 11442 (5L)

Organized on August 8, 1919 with a capital of \$100,000. Placed in receivership on April 14, 1924; capital of \$100,000. Reason for failure: local depression. Absorbed by #12485.

Third Charter, Plain Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	1-22150	5's	88,600	500	750	1250

Total amount of circulation issued = \$443,000. Amount outstanding at close = \$74,500.

88,600 Large 0 Small 88,600 Total

FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN ALBUQUERQUE 13814 (3S)

Chartered in October 1933 with a capital of \$500,000. Succeeded #2614; assumed the circulation of #2614.

1929, Type II	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5's	1-5560	5's	5,560	125	175	250
10's	1-5037	10's	5,037	125	200	300
20's	1-2520	20's	2,520	125	225	350

Total amount of circulation issued = \$128,570. Amount outstanding in July 1935 = \$274,260. Amount of small outstanding in July 1935 = \$245,800. Includes the circulation of #13814 and #2614 since #13814 assumed the circulation of #2614.

0 Large 13,117 Small 13,117 Total

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE 2614 (1L 1S)

Succeeded a territorial bank. Assumed the Central Bank by consolidation in May 1885. Placed in conservatorship on April 17, 1933. Placed in voluntary liquidation on February 7, 1934; capital of \$400,000. Succeeded by #13814; circulation assumed by #13814.

Second Charter, Dated Back	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	1-14500	5's	58,000	500	750	1000

Sheets 1 to 11000 are 82-08 backs. Sheets 11001 to 14500 are not marked as to type. Sheets 14501 to 40530 are denominational.

50-50-50-100	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
	1-2586	50's	7,758	1500	3500	6000
	1-2586	100's	2,586	2000	5000	7000

Second Charter, Value Back	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	14501-40530	5's	104,120	750	1250	2000

Third Charter, Plain Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	1-33972	5's	135,888	75	100	300
10-10-10-20	1-23633	10's	70,899	75	125	350
	1-23633	20's	23,633	100	200	400

1929, Type I	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
6-5's	1-14517	5's	87,102	50	100	150
6-10's	1-8159	10's	48,954	75	100	150
6-20's	1-1971	20's	11,826	75	100	150

Total amount of circulation issued = \$5,831,300. Amount outstanding at close = \$329,910. Amount of large outstanding at close = \$33,480. Circulation assumed by #13814 which was then responsible for redeeming the circulation of #2614.

402,884 Large 147,882 Small 550,766 Total

THE STATE NATIONAL BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE 7186 (4L)

Succeeded a territorial bank. Placed in receivership on April 14, 1924; capital of \$200,000.

Reason for failure: local depression.

Third Charter, Dated Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-4200	10's	12,600	250	400	800
	1-4200	20's	4,200	300	450	850

Third Charter, Plain Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	4201-24532	10's	60,996	250	400	650
	4201-24532	20's	20,332	275	450	700

Total amount of circulation issued = \$1,706,600. Amount outstanding at close = \$157,400.

98,128 Large 0 Small 98,128 Total

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ARTESIA 7043 (4L 3S)

Succeeded a territorial bank. Assumed #9468 by consolidation on March 23, 1914; assumed its circulation. Placed in conservatorship on April 18, 1933. Licensed on July 28, 1933.

Third Charter, Dated Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-1150	10's	3,450	600	750	1000
	1-1150	20's	1,150	650	800	1100

Third Charter, Plain Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1151-9958	10's	26,424	550	750	900
	1151-9958	20's	8,808	600	800	1200

1929, Type I	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
6-10's	1-1566	10's	9,396	125	200	300
6-20's	1-402	20's	2,412	150	225	350

1929, Type II	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10's	1-2421	10's	2,421	125	200	300
20's	1-512	20's	512	125	225	350

Total amount of circulation issued = \$787,050. Amount outstanding in July 1935 = \$47,450. Amount of large outstanding in July 1935 = \$2,600. Includes the circulation of #7043 and #9468 since #7043 assumed the circulation of #9468.

39,832 Large 14,741 Small 54,573 Total

THE STATE NATIONAL BANK OF ARTESIA 9468 (6L)

Succeeded a territorial bank. Placed in voluntary liquidation on March 23, 1914; capital of \$50,000. Consolidated with #7043; circulation assumed by #7043.

Third Charter, Dated Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-15	10's	45	750	1000	1500
	1-15	20's	15	850	1100	1600

Total amount of circulation issued = \$85,750. Amount outstanding at close = \$25,000. Circulation assumed by #7043 which was then responsible for redeeming the circulation of #9468.

60 Large 0 Small 60 Total

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BELEN 6597 (4L 2'S)

Succeeded a territorial bank.

Third Charter, Dated Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-700	10's	2,100	800	1100	1600
	1-700	20's	700	850	1200	1800

Third Charter, Plain Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	701-8393	10's	23,079	750	1000	1500
	701-8393	20's	7,693	800	1100	1700

1929, Type I	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
6-5's	1-3220	5's	19,320	200	300	500
6-10's	1-618	10's	3,708	250	350	550
6-20's	1-210	20's	1,260	300	400	600

1929, Type II	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5's	1-2648	5's	2,648	300	400	550

Total amount of circulation issued = \$639,770. Amount outstanding in July 1935 = \$29,030. Amount of large outstanding in July 1935 = \$3,080.

33,572 Large 26,936 Small 60,508 Total

THE CARLSBAD NATIONAL BANK 12569 (4S)

Chartered in August 1924 with a capital of \$50,000. Absorbed #11711 on February 24, 1927.

1929, Type I	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
6-20's	1-518	20's	3,108	220	300	440

1929, Type II	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
20's	1-500	20's	500	220	360	540

Total amount of circulation issued = \$72,160. Amount outstanding in July 1935 = \$31,700.

0 Large 3,608 Small 3,608 Total

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CARLSBAD 5487 (5L)

Succeeded a territorial bank. Placed in receivership on May 14, 1924; capital of \$100,000.

Reason for failure: incompetent management.

Second Charter, Dated Back	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	1-700	5's	2,800	750	1200	3000
10-10-10-20	1-520	10's	1,560	850	1300	3200
	1-520	20's	520	900	1500	3400

Second Charter, Value Back	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	701-1450	5's	3,000	1500	3000	5000
10-10-10-20	521-880	10's	1,080	2000	3500	6000
	521-880	20's	360	2500	3750	6500

Third Charter, Plain Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	1-1650	5's	6,600	550	750	1250
10-10-10-20	1-967	10's	2,901	600	800	1350
	1-967	20's	967	725	950	1550

Total amount of circulation issued = \$249,850. Amount outstanding at close = \$24,597.

19,788 Large 0 Small 19,788 Total

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CARLSBAD 6884 (6L)

Succeeded a territorial bank. Absorbed #10962 on July 30, 1923. Placed in receivership on February 6, 1924; capital of \$100,000. Reason for failure: local depression.

Third Charter, Dated Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-200	10's	600	700	950	1500
	1-200	20's	200	800	1050	1700

Third Charter, Plain Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	201-1193	10's	2,979	650	850	1200
	201-1193	20's	993	750	900	1300

Total amount of circulation issued = \$112,150. Amount outstanding at close = \$11,800.

4,772 Large 0 Small 4,772 Total

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CIMARRON 9292 (6L)

Succeeded a territorial bank. Placed in voluntary liquidation on January 2, 1926; capital of \$25,000. Absorbed by #4734.

Third Charter, Dated Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	1-380	10's	1,140	850	1250	1800
	1-380	20's	380	900	1350	2100

Sheets 1 to 260 are 02-08 backs. Sheets 261 to 380 are not marked as to type. Sheets 381 to 1601 are plain back blue seals.

Third Charter, Plain Back, Blue Seal	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
10-10-10-20	381-1601	10's	3,663	800	1200	1750
	381-1601	20's	1,221	850	1300	2000

Total amount of circulation issued = \$125,050. Amount outstanding at close = \$12,500.

6,404 Large 0 Small 6,404 Total

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CLAYTON 5713 (5L)

Succeeded a territorial bank. Placed in receivership on March 1, 1924; capital of \$75,000.

Reason for failure: local depression.

Second Charter, Dated Back	Ser#	Den	#Notes	VG	VF	AU
5-5-5-5	1-1700	5's	6,800	750	1000	1500
10-10-10-20	1-1180	10's	3,540	850	1300	3200
	1-1180	20's	1,180	900	1500	3400

Second Charter, Value Back						
5-5-5-5	1701-3715	5's	8,060	1500	3000	5000
10-10-10-20	1181-2323	10's	3,429	2000	3500	5500

MIGUEL A. OTERO,
GOVERNOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Territory of New Mexico,

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE,

SANTA FE.

Aug. 18, 1903.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly advise me, by return mail if possible, the total amount of the resources and liabilities of your bank for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903. For instance, same is given in the report of the Comptroller last year as \$54,833.54 and I presume the amount has increased since then. I desire this information for use in my report to the Interior Department on the conditions of the Territory.

Thanking you for your prompt attention, I am,
Very truly yours,

Miguel A. Otero
Governor of New Mexico.

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Yours truly

To Hon Miguel A. Otero Governor N.M.

Am. Amador
Cashier

The First National Bank,
Belen, N.M.

CAPITAL \$ 25.000.00

M. W. FLOURNOY, PRES.

JOHN BECKEN, VICE PRES.

H. A. FROST, CASHIER.

Statement of Condition
of the
First National Bank
Belen N.M.

At close of Business June 30th 1903

- Resources -

Loans & Discounts	\$ 12617.61
Stocks Securities & Etc	2036.46
Furniture & Fixtures	282.87
U.S. Bonds	\$ 6250.
Cash & Exchange	44293.29
	50543.29
	\$ 65480.23

- Liabilities -

Capital & Profits	\$ 25543.18
Circulation	6250.
Deposits	33687.05
	\$ 65480.23

TANM, Roll 134 frame 460-477

M. A. Olsen, General Register of Banks, June
30, 1903

New Mexico State Records Center and Archive

First National Bank of Belen History Exhibit

Planning Meeting, Friday, March 19, 1993, 3:30 PM

AGENDA

1. PROPOSED DESIGN

- Appearance will be similar to the "Route 66" exhibit at the Albuquerque Museum but more formal, less cluttered; more appropriate to this setting.
- Color Xerox copies of documents, ephemerals and photographs will be used in the exhibit.
- It will be mounted on foam core and floated on foam core backing.
- Exhibit panels will be banded at eye level with the pre-constructed sections.
- The four exhibition panels will give us 80 linear feet of exhibit space.
- I propose that one of the "Becker Notes" be the logo for this exhibit.
- I do not yet have a proposal for a title. Open for suggestions.

This approach makes several things possible. We will be able to construct the exhibit in late May and early June and have a short turn-around between the Snidow exhibit and this one. Using copies will allow us to use more items and exhibit in ways we couldn't afford if we had to protect the original documents under glass. We won't have to worry about people touching the documents (and they will), they can get closer to read them, and we can dispense with the stanchions and ropes used in the Snidow exhibit.

2. DISPLAY CASES

- Dr. James Moore, Director of the Albuquerque Museum has agreed to let us rent, at a nominal fee, cases for this exhibit.
- I am meeting with the carpenter from the Albuquerque Museum next week to look at what they have in the warehouse that we can use.
- Items to go in cases:
 - Bank promotional give-aways
 - Ink well, pen and pen points
 - Typewriter
 - Calculator
 - Old cylinder Dictaphone
 - Belen Town Company Plat printing plate
 - Coin banks sold by the institution to promote savings.
 - Leather War Bond and Ration Stamp folders.

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3. BRANCHES

My plan for the branches is a small panel concerning the history of that particular branch with a message to come to the Main Office to see the exhibit. Is this what you had in mind?

4. BELEN TOWN COMPANY PLATS

Are we going to run pulls from the original plate and sell them or do an offset run and give them away?

5. BANK FAILURES

I think the information regarding bank failures in the 1920's and the strength of the First National Bank of Belen is extremely interesting. However, I want the input of Bank officers regarding the handling of this subject.

6. PRESENT STATUS OF PROJECT

- I have thoroughly examined everything in the vault on the 4th floor which encompasses the holdings of the bank, the materials and artifacts brought in Mrs. Glasebrook and the items Mr. Edwards and I discovered in the old Knights of Pythias building. I have made three passes through all these materials and have selected those items which are appropriate to the exhibition.
- Binney & Smith (alias Crayola, a division of Hallmark) has not yet responded to President Foley's request to use their name in the proposed contest celebrating the anniversaries of both corporations. I have talked with Mrs. Vogel once, and attempted to call her again on Monday, March 15. Apparently, they are having communication lines problems because I was given a cellular line number and was unable to get anything but a busy signal. I will attempt to get in touch with her again and stress that the school year is approaching its end and that we need to get on this immediately.
- For the next several weeks I will be spending less time in Belen doing research, etc. and more time in Albuquerque sequencing artifacts, writing label copy and designing the exhibition. Late in May, I will be spending more time in Belen doing actual construction. Then comes the panic before opening night—installation of the finished exhibit.

BH-4C 2-1-10-14



This is early day Belen, before it had a bank. It was back in the days before the Santa Fe, too. Can you locate the location

Old First National Bank Building Razed In 1953 Was Local Landmark

The old First National Bank building, which gave way to progress in 1953, was an old Belen landmark dating back to 1880. Destroyed after 73 years in the early fifties, it had a long life as the center of the community.

The building was razed in '53 to make way for a used car sales lot for the Thomas-Fitzpatrick Motor Company.

Many phases of Belen history and the history of the southwest were witnessed by the silent dirty looking building on Main street.

The corners on the new adobes were still sharply square and the mud was scarcely dry when young John Becker left his partner, Louie Huning, and started his new store, post office and forage station there in 1880. At that time the building stretched over the whole site occupied by the present Becker-Dalies store. On behind it stretched "Poverty Row", rooms for the hired help.

Much of the old building was replaced by a new two story brick building in the early 1900's. The bank building was the last to give way to progress in 1953. Soldiers stationed in Belen when General Mills was conducting a campaign against the Apaches and Navajos, used Becker's store as a forage station. Later the building was to witness the first real prosperity for Belen, the railroad boom.

In 1905 the bank, founded two years earlier, was moved into a wing of the Becker store, and John Becker's son, L. C., entered the business to begin work in the bank.

The building was razed in '53 to make way for a used car sales lot for the Thomas-Fitzpatrick Motor Company.

the community, to an estimated 5,000 population in '53 when its obituary was written. Before that, it saw John Becker bring his bride here in a stage coach, the erection of the Becker home, the mill and water tower. It also saw the destruction of most of those same buildings.

of the present day First National Bank?

It served its last day as the bank building on Monday, April 20, 1914, when the board of directors announced "a new Banking House for your convenience, with open house held at the present home of the bank.

Louis C. Becker, president of the First National Bank, lettered in baseball at the University of New Mexico in 1903, received an honorary ball sweater and letter from Popejoy at the annual men's breakfast at the University in 1948.

room, and sometimes headquarters for the Highway Department while working on local projects. The building, property of Belen Town and Improve Co., was located on Lot 4, A of the original townsites out by John Becker.

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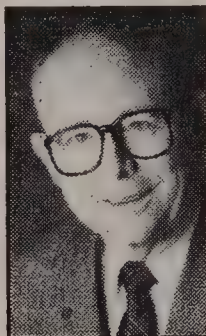
George Baldwin



Frilling

Carl Frilling is the new president of the Lobo Club, and **John Coffman** was named president-elect at the University of New Mexico booster club's annual meeting. Vice presidents are **Tina Otteni, Leonard Sanchez, Jim Thrash** and **Bob Turner**. **Ernie Blackstone** is the secretary. New board members are **Tom Joule, Kevin Kaplan, Jamie Koch, Ed Ladley, Tony Pisto, Dan Rivera, Rod Shoemaker, Bill Wilson, Prescilla Chappuccilli, Thrash** and **Coffman**.

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Foley

First National Bank of Belen is celebrating its 90th anniversary. An exhibit of Western paintings by artist **Gordon Snidow** opened in March in the lobby of the main office. The bank is the seventh oldest in New Mexico. **James H. Foley** is its president. The bank has an extensive collection of Western art in its main office and in five branches. An exhibit of historic artifacts and documents titled "90 Years of Banking in Belen: A History" has been curated and designed by **Paul Carlson**, president of the Albuquerque Historical Society. In September, 25 paintings from the valued Santa Fe Railway Collection will be exhibited in the bank's main office.

'Dedication' got

Grad lauds Career Enrichment Center

For **Kathryn Surgett**, it takes guts to give an enema and to watch brain surgery.

The just-graduated senior at Del Norte High School who went through the practical nursing program of APS' Career Enrichment Center wants to be a nurse.

"Making it through the nursing program takes a lot of dedication. CEC provided me with the first step into my career. I couldn't have done it without them and all the support they gave me," she said.

Here are Surgett's responses to a question-and-answer interview with The Tribune:

Describe yourself: Independent, honest, educated and a trustworthy person who enjoys working with people.

How would your best friend describe you? Honest, reliable and friendly.

Why did you attend the Career Enrichment Center? To further my education through the practical nursing program.

How do you spend your free time? Sewing and reading.

Do you want to continue your education? No, not for a couple of years.

What are your goals? To work as a nurse and give care to the best of my ability; to never stop learning; to have a large family; and to be happy with my job.

What is your strongest quality? My ability to put others' needs ahead of my own.

What would you like to be better at? I'm not as assertive as I would like to be, but I feel this comes with time.

When faced with important decisions, who were the most influential people you listened to? Mrs. Rubio, a nursing instructor, taught me to think for myself. Mrs. Hatfield, a nursing instructor, helped me make decisions based on what I felt was most important.

Kathryn Surgett

program and always did my family.

What kinds of things helped you get started and life? The help I was able to help others have helped me have unique individual learning.

Should APS be able to student they are available students are being It is better to be

The County Fair



COMMERCIAL AWARD - First National Bank of Belen division floats in Saturday's fair parade. walked away with first place honors for commercial [Photo by Bill Marzulla]

School district wonders why state put money where it did

Belen school officials talked Wednesday with State Department of Education officials about why \$263,000 was placed in a non-operational fund in its budget after state officials told the district that it didn't have that money in the first place. Everything was settled and the district's original budget was restored.

The board had been given final state approval of the document and were about to consider voting again on it when member Martha Trujillo pointed out the discrepancy. "It's not right," she said. "It's not where we budgeted it."

Some of the money had been earmarked to build an all-weather track at the high school and the district had scimped on a number of other budget items to insure that project — promised by an earlier board years ago — would go ahead, although scaled back a bit, said Kenny Griego, district business manager.

"I have a real problem with this," said Superintendent Barbara Armbruster. "I talked with the (department of education) finance department ... and they assured us we did not have the cash balance we said we did."

"I want the board's indulgence to follow this up."

After the meeting, Griego said the state officials had said the district had counted transportation money as part of its cash balance earlier and didn't have as much money as it had budgeted. But Griego said he went over and over the figures and felt that the district had not done so.

And then the money turned back up in the non-operational fund, he said.

"We want to know the reason. We're kind of upset about why did they put it in the non-operational fund (without consulting the district)," he said.

"It put us in the position where we had to adjust and tighten up areas."

He said to be sure the district could build the track it had pared its athletic, travel and training line items.

"We want teachers to go to more training sessions and students to have more money in the athletic budget and not to worry about travel expenses," he said.



James Foley, president of the First National Bank of Belen, and Paul Carlson, historian for the bank, show off this year's calendar preparatory to a display being set up next week.

Enrollment rise means more \$\$

Registration in the Belen schools was up by a full-time equivalency of 99 regular education students, but down by three in special education.

Superintendent Barbara Armbruster revealed the official 40th day figures Tuesday on the basis of which the state will pay per-pupil funding to the district. Additionally, bilingual education was up by an equivalent of 45 students.

But Armbruster cautioned that it won't be known until at least December what exactly that means to the district since the state has not set an amount for its per-pupil pay. But Kenny Griego, business manager, said that by using last year's figures the district may receive \$13,641,661 rather than its projected \$13,169,160.

In other action, the board:

- Heard from Central teacher Millie Nieves about a computer program through which students write and publish their own books.
- Honored teacher Emily Zamora and her husband Lester for the volunteer work they've done in remodeling the Central playground.
- Approved a lease agreement for placing mobile homes on school grounds with residents acting as unofficial security aides.
- Prepared for State Department of Education accreditation teams to visit from Nov. 15 to 18.
- Approved travel requests from teachers Loretta Baca and Colleen Adolph to attend the convention of the National Association for the Education of Young Children in Anaheim, Calif.; of La Merced principal Rudy Chavez to go to the conference on National Quality and Education in Denver; Superintendent Barbara Armbruster to go to a conference on restructuring small schools in Austin, Texas; and Rio Grande teachers Kathy Hill, Pat Olives and J. Padilla to take students to Orlando, Flor., to the space center.
- Hired Diane F. Kelly as a language arts teacher at Belen Middle School; and expanded bus driver Pearl Saavedra's job to include three hours a day as an instructional aide at Dennis Chavez.

CPR goal

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Training involves hands-on training on an electronic mannequin that gives the student an idea of what the procedure would actually be like. Lights come on when the proper technique is used. Students are also trained in the Heimlich maneuver which helps dislodge food caught in a person's throat.

Emergency experts say the chain of life has four links — advanced life support which involves trained paramedics and intravenous technicians which the county has; heart defibrillation units which have been added to rescue units this year; and the emergency 911 system.

"The link that's weak is CPR. Once a heart stops, you have four minutes until the brain cells start to die. Even in a close community like Belen, it takes a few minutes for volunteers to get out the door, get up the street and get into the room. If someone there could initiate CPR, it would give rescue workers time to get there" with their expertise and medications, Hogue said.

And in the county where homes are more spread out, response time can be even longer making it increasingly important to have people trained in CPR.

"It's not difficult. We've taught children and we've taught the elderly and disabled," Hogue said.

Hogue said he received a visit this week from a woman who saved another adult's life when he was choking on

a piece of candy.

Assistant Belen Chief Ben Barnes said he performed CPR on a man who'd suffered a heart attack in his car on Main Street. "People were all standing around on the sidewalk looking. If someone else in the area had known CPR, they could have started it before we arrived," he said. Still, the procedure saved the man's life.

The next course being offered by the Belen Fire Department is planned for Nov. 10; cost is \$15 to help defray costs of the mannequin. For information, call 864-6321. To set up a special training session for your church, organization or business, call Hogue at 864-6161.

The chiefs say CPR trainers are also available at almost every fire department in the county; contact your local station for help.

It might also help to notify the fire and police departments — by calling their offices and not 911 — if you have a family member who has a particular medical problem or is bedridden, the chiefs said. That information could go on emergency computers and help rescue workers, police and firefighters to have an idea of what to expect when they arrive.

Anyone who's already had training can stop by most fire stations and practice their skills, Ortega said. "If you don't practice, you won't remember as well."

Meanwhile, the men are discussing whether they'll offer gift certificates for CPR training for the holiday season.

Religious

(Continued from Page A1)

to enhance teachers' awareness.

— Stated that religious literature may be distributed on school property as long as current district policy for passing out information is obeyed. Currently, that means approval by the superintendent.

At Thursday's session, one science teacher told the board she was concerned that the policy might be interpreted as requiring her to teach creationism.

But board member Norm McDonald explained that the policy in no way alters curriculum — the information teachers are required to convey. Rather it says that if, in the course of teaching, a student says he believes God created man, the teacher should acknowledge that and facilitate a discussion but will not teach it.

"We are to be neutral, objective. We cannot teach religion in school. That is against the law," McDonald said.

After hearing the explanation, the teacher said she "can live with that." Parent Mike Sanchez said he was encouraged to see "people are coming to see this as not as a religious issue so much as an educational issue."

He said it was critical that it was passed. "It gives the opportunity for there to be balance," he said.

And parent Albert Sanchez presented a light note to the proceedings when he said: "Evolution or creationism — that's going to be a problem till the Lord comes back — or doesn't."

He said he feels the policy "protects my rights as an American and my children's rights. It's really a positive thing."

Meanwhile, there was some discussion about whether Halloween or Christmas parties would be allowed at school. Board president Lenore Peña admitted even she was unclear about that. "I'm a plain parent. I want to know," she said.

Some suggested a secular celebration could be held or parents could organize a party after school.

"For those who want to make a constitutional crisis out of this, I don't think they're going to succeed," he said.

In the end, they agreed children can celebrate the holidays as long as children are given a choice about whether they want to participate.

Time flies at First National

It's about time.

That's the theme of the display of calendars dating back of 1945 being planned at the First National Bank of Belen. Most of the calendars have Western themes and are among those passed out by the bank over the last few decades.

"This is the last of the exhibits presented in our celebration of the 90th anniversary of the First National Bank of Belen," said James H. Foley, presi-

dent of the institution. "We hope you have enjoyed looking back into the past as much as we have. We also hope you will remember the Valencia County organizations which benefited from our events."

The bank has also put up exhibits about the history of Belen and nationally recognized artwork owned by the Santa Fe Railway.

The latest exhibit will be on display from the first week of November

through mid-December. The bank's 1994 calendar featuring a sunset scene with cowpokes and a chuckwagon painted by Gary Niblett of Carlsbad will be given out beginning in November.

Also on display will be a couple of almanacs, a perpetual calendar once given to businesses and some of comic calendars, said Paul Carlson, the historian who's been putting together the exhibits.

Council OKs franchise fee hike

The Belen City Council recently proclaimed Oct. 23, 1993, James Foley Day in honor of the president and chief executive officer of the First National Bank of Belen.

Foley has been with the bank since 1967.

"James Foley is a very active and committed member to various civic and professional organizations in our community," a city proclamation states. "(He) has made a visible impact on the citizens of this community."

Foley will be receiving the First Annual Community Leadership Award

for his positive and generous contributions to the people and organizations of the state.

In other city business, the council approved an increase in a franchise fee with U.S. West Communications from 2.5 to 3 percent. The increase was to allow the funds the city realizes from the fees to remain the same.

The city council also:

- Approved a land split of one lot into two lots for property off Garcia Street near Rosedale.
- Approved a zone change from agricultural-residential to residential-

IA for the Tony Castillo subdivision. The property is already split, but the change was needed to allow the placement of mobile homes on each lot.

- Declared Oct. 18 Pilot International Week in honor of the club, which has more than 20,000 members nationwide, an active local club and was founded on Oct. 18, 1947.
- Recovered from a brief disruption of the meeting when a city councilor noticed the city manager was wearing a Dallas Cowboys tie.

Service notes

Army

... Army Reserve Cadet Christopher M. Young has completed training in fundamental military skills at the Army ROTC Camp Challenge at Fort Knox, Ky. The 1993 graduate of Belen High School is the son of Thomas G. and Rita A. Young of Belen.

... Army Reserve Cadet Miguel J. Garcia, son of Julian B. and Dolores Garcia of Belen, received practical work in military leadership at the ROTC advanced camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

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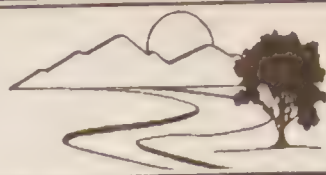
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So don't just sit around and think someone else is going to do it because it

just isn't going to happen. Back your kids now so they can grow up to be respectable, productive, caring members of society.
I hope this letter has caught just one person's attention and encourages that person or persons to speak up and support your kids. They are all worth every ounce of it!

**Genevieve Benes
Los Lunas**

(Editor's note: the principal volunteers as assistant coach, he does not get paid, and he is not the A.D., he simply oversees the director. The letter-writer brought these issues up in the original, unedited letter.)

Exercise in futility?

Editor:
It seems to me that the so-called concerned taxpayers who are asking questions about expenditures should ask those questions of the former and present employees who are asking for a grand jury investigation based on signatures of less than 1 percent of the taxpayers. Incidentally, the names of Clisofera Hensley and Diane Peigler do not appear in the list of (property) taxpayers in Valencia County.
The Grand Jury is an expensive process and most of us are sure charges against county administrators will not be given under oath.
The protection given to the administration is the same protection given to the employees whose conduct as county employees is questioned.
The letter was more of a political endorsement for Commissioner Eaton, who is using his position to grandstand. Questions he asks at meetings have been answered before the meeting. He must want his few supporters to know he has their interest at heart. He is undergoing "an on the job" training. That too is expensive with no foreseeable positive results.
The family who signed the letter has an ax to grind (relating to the treatment of a family member who works for the county). Apparently that family wants special consideration on requests denied to other employees.
The message is clear. Accountability is fine if it does not apply to us.
Much of the information in the letter is incorrect, but what can you expect from people who claim to be taxpayers when some are not? Just wait until costs for the grand jury are tabulated. The less than 01 percent of the citizens will have incurred a bill which the remaining 99 percent did not want or need. Just an exercise in futility...

**Paul H. Gabaldon
County Manager
Valencia County
Belen**

4-H lauded for help

Editor:
The Board of Directors of Tierra Bonita of Valencia County would like to thank the 4-H Council, the Knights 4-H Club and the Trailblazers 4-H Club for making a commitment through the NM Highway and Transportation Department's Adopt-A-Highway Program to keep sections of State Highway 314 litter free. Their efforts have already made a difference.
Tierra Bonita has applications available to any other group, organization, or individual that would like to adopt a portion of a state highway. The area must be cleaned at least twice a year and a sign will be erected giving credit to the party responsible for the cleanup. If anyone is interested in applying, they should contact the Tierra Bonita office at 865-6081.

**Douglas Shumaker
Chairman, Tierra Bonita
of Valencia County**

Spillway is treacherous

Editor:
In June 1972 my children Jimmy and Terry Coleman and their step-father drowned at the same location Shawn Raitch and B.J. Overturf drowned two weeks ago.
I didn't feel the MRG Conservancy was negligent in the death of my children. I thought they designed and built a treacherous spillway with a death trap at its base but this was done through poor judgment and they were probably not aware of the danger until my children drowned.
I do think the conservancy district is responsible for the deaths of the two boys that drowned there recently. The MRG Conservancy has known for 21 years that during high water, anyone that got into that pool of water would not come out alive. They didn't put up signs warning of danger, fence the ditch or redesign the spillway so it would have five 8-foot spillways instead of one 40-foot spillway.
I think that after five deaths in 21 years the Conservancy still makes no effort to redesign the spillway or otherwise correct what was a mistake from the beginning, the entire present MRG Conservancy board members and the district manager should be held responsible should any more drownings occur at this location.

**John M. Coleman
Belen**

Bond issue election

Did you know ...

... that bond elections go back in history over hundreds of years when the federal constitution mandated/legislated that school districts be expected to pass bond elections as one means of generating revenues in order to finance the building of new school facilities and purchase equipment and property. Bond elections are not unique to New Mexico.
... that over the past years, you the taxpayer, have been extremely supportive of the Belen Schools. The Belen Schools facilities are valued at well over \$35 million and, like your own homes school buildings, schoolgrounds and equipment require day-to-day upkeep and maintenance. In order for the Belen schools to continue to provide your children with classrooms that are safe and conducive to education, your support of this bond is crucial. Keep in mind passing this bond will not increase your taxes. It merely extends them out over a longer period of time.
... that bond expenditures are public record. In fact, we invite you to review the list of expenditures that the school district's business office has compiled. The funds and expenditures are also audited according to state mandate on an annual basis. These reports are also public information, which we invite you to review.
(Editor's note: This column was provided by the Belen schools to provide information about the upcoming Nov. 16 election of a \$6.2 million bond issue election. Letters about the issue — both for and against — will be accepted.)

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This is how the First National Bank of Belen's new building will appear when it is completed in 1988. The building will sit atop the site of the original

bank's location, which was located in the John Becker store, in 1903. The 45,000 square foot building will be four stories high.

Ground-breaking takes place at original FNB site

BELEN—First National Bank of Belen President James H. Foley said construction will begin soon on a new \$5 million, four-story, 45,000 square-foot bank building in downtown Belen.

Foley said the new building, designed by HBE Inc., of St. Louis, will be built on the site where First National Bank of Belen opened in March 1903 in the John Becker Company store.

Senior Vice President Richard C. Beach, project manager for new bank construction, said the building should be ready for occupancy in February 1988.

Foley, current president of the New Mexico Bankers Association, said the new building is needed because of bank growth in recent years that has forced bank staff into three additional buildings and required the use of a fourth extra building for storage of records and equipment.

"The valley areas has just grown and grown," he said, "and, fortunately, we've grown along with it. And I don't think there's any doubt that we're going to keep growing—from Bosque Farms and Los Lunas all the way down the valley to south of Belen."

First National Bank of Belen is owned by a one-bank holding company, American Republic Bancshares Inc. Assets have more than doubled during the past six years, to about \$147 million at mid-year, and deposits stood at \$133 million.

It is the fifth largest independent commercial bank in New Mexico, employing nearly 150 people in the main office and five branches, located in Bosque Farms, Los Lunas, Rio Communities, Moriarty and Mountainair.

"Of course, we want to be abreast—or ahead—of that growth," he said, "and we simply had to have a new building. Because of deregulation, banking is changing at a dizzying pace and we have to be able to change directions quickly, when that's required. It's much easier to do when everything is centralized

and anyone in any department can be reached quickly."

Beach said the new building will be of contemporary southwestern

design, surrounded by a covered walkway. He said drive-up facilities will be part of the building, located behind it.



The First National Bank of Belen recently had ground-breaking ceremonies at its new main office, which will be located at the west side of Main and Becker. Shoveling dirt is Jim Foley, president of FNB of Belen. Also sharing in ground-breaking honors were, from left, Rick Cree of American Republic Bancshares, Jim Perry of Hospital Engineering and Building and Bolesto Lovato, mayor of Belen. Close to 100 people attended the ground-breaking last Thursday.

Tasty salad

BELEN—McDonald's in Belen is offering a new menu item. The fresh throughout in individual portions ensure maximum

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McDonald's different salad Salad (small Oriental Salad), prepared throughout vegetables, including

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Business

By GEORGE STAFF WRITER

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James Foley, president of the First National Bank of Belen, and Paul Carlson, historian for the bank, show off this year's calendar preparatory to a display being set up next week.

Time flies at First National

It's about time.

That's the theme of the display of calendars dating back of 1945 being planned at the First National Bank of Belen. Most of the calendars have Western themes and are among those passed out by the bank over the last few decades.

"This is the last of the exhibits presented in our celebration of the 90th anniversary of the First National Bank of Belen," said James H. Foley, presi-

dent of the institution. "We hope you have enjoyed looking back into the past as much as we have. We also hope you will remember the Valencia County organizations which benefited from our events."

The bank has also put up exhibits about the history of Belen and nationally recognized artwork owned by the Santa Fe Railway.

The latest exhibit will be on display from the first week of November

through mid-December. The bank's 1994 calendar featuring a sunset scene with cowpokes and a chuckwagon painted by Gary Niblett of Carlsbad will be given out beginning in November.

Also on display will be a couple of almanacs, a perpetual calendar once given to businesses and some of comic calendars, said Paul Carlson, the historian who's been putting together the exhibits.

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Gun Enthusiasts
Aim To Start Club:
See Sports on Page 5



First National Bank of Belen opened in 1903 as a room in the back of this building, John Becker's mercantile store.

Bank, Belen Hold Common Interest

By Robert Rodriguez

JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

BELEN — Four-stories' worth of stucco and steel, the new First National Bank of Belen building towers over its neighbors in this predominately one-story town.

Once just a small wire cage in the back of John Becker's mercantile store in 1903, the bank has since grown to one with a local Belen staff of nearly 100 and assets totaling \$161 million.

Located, coincidentally, on the original site of its first home, the new bank building opened its doors last week.

"Our rate of growth has far surpassed

anything we had hoped for," said Jim Foley, bank president. "We made major improvements on our old property that we thought would take us comfortably, space-wise, into the '90s. Needless to say we were off."

The bank, which moved from its location on South Main Street, was spread out in five buildings.

Although all of them were located in the same general area, Foley said it became apparent that one building was needed to house all of the bank's services.

"We had this competitiveness going on between buildings — in the same organization — and that wasn't any good," Foley said. "I think this will help in a unity sense and provide a number of services."

The bank employs a total of 149, including those who work at five area branches: Los Lunas, Bosque Farms, Rio Communities, Mountainair and Moriarty.

The new bank building was built at a cost of \$5 million and comprises 42,000 square feet. The four former bank buildings in Belen are being put up for sale.

On the first floor of the new bank are 12 teller windows, three more than the old bank, along with new account tellers and customer service areas.

The second floor holds the commercial and real estate lending services; the third floor is for bookkeeping, data processing and auditing; the fourth holds administrative offices, training and meeting rooms and a lunch room and coffee shop.



Third home of bank was this building on South Main Street built in 1914.



DEAN HANSON / JOURNAL

The newest First National building, which opened last week.

Other features of the building include a gymnasium on the third floor, and throughout the halls and main lobby is an extensive collection of Western sculptures and paintings.

Outside the bank is an automatic teller machine, eight drive-up tellers and a walk-up window.

The building can accommodate another story and a staff twice the size of the current one.

Customers, new and old, walk into the bank's lobby to admire its high vigalike

ceiling, rust-colored floor tiles and plush carpeting.

The building's architect, HBE Bank Facilities of St. Louis, Mo., designed the exterior in keeping with its Southwestern environment — multi-leveled, creme-colored and exposed wood.

Marion Herlihy, 84, a former 52-year employee, is impressed with the new building but says that folks her age don't

MORE: See BANK on Page 3

CALENDAR

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TUESDAY

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ADVANCED SPANISH CLASS, Mesa Grande Room.

Center, Rio Communities. For more information, contact Lou Carl at 864-2109.

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meets the third Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the Inn at Rio Rancho. Write Dorothy Cameron, 4601 Montano NW, Albuquerque 87120, or call 898-7956.

BESSOM'S FINE ART GALLERY in Corrales, throughout December, features watercolors by Morgan McClelland, acrylics by Rebecca Olesen, oils by Tom Wezwich, and bronze sculpture by Briton Zapka.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO-VALENCIA COUNTY in Tome has open registration for spring semester from Tuesday, Jan. 12, to Friday, Jan. 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:30 to 7 p.m. at the Student Services Center in the Administration Building. Class schedules are available at area businesses. Classes begin Jan. 18. Late registration runs Jan. 18 through Jan. 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:30 to 6 p.m., and on Jan. 22, until 5 p.m.

CLOUD DANCERS, a non-profit equestrian recreation and therapy program for physically and mentally handicapped people, will begin its winter 12-week riding session Jan. 13 at Alamo Stables, 10449 Fourth NW. Classes are on Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Call Michel Halko at 897-0907.

THE RIO RANCHO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT is offering its Before and After School Program again this year. The program is being held at the Star Heights Recreation Center, 800 Polaris Blvd. Children who attend Martin

attend **Puesta del Sol Elementary** are picked up in front of the recreation center in the morning by the APS school bus and then returned there in the afternoon. Program hours are 7 to 9 a.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. and on Wednesdays, from 1 to 6 p.m. The cost is \$25 a week for both sessions. Before school only is \$12. After school is \$18. Wednesday only is \$8. Parents interested in registering their child should come to the Parks and Recreation Department at City Hall between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Call Lori Leeds at 892-6704, Ext. 48.

PLACITAS RESIDENTS who want to train as emergency medical technicians for the rescue squad and could volunteer some daytime hours may call Winnie Maggiore 867-3244 or Ralph Davis 867-5855. Classes for the 108-hour certification will begin in January at the Placitas Fire Station.

THE MARTHA LIEBERT LIBRARY in Bernalillo needs adult volunteers for Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. The library expanded its hours in November so students of all ages would have access to resource materials in the evenings. Apply at the library. Other hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BERNALILLO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION is offering aquatics classes at Rio Grande High School swimming pool, 2300 Arenal Road SW. Classes include sunrise and evening lap swims and a masters swimming program

City Auditorium, 4110 Sabana Grande. Beginning classes 9:15 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Regular classes 9:15 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday, and at 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Call 891-8914.

LA GALERIA DE BELEN, F & E Plaza, 221 S. Main St., is featuring drawings by Kathy Sands, watercolors by Mary Watts and watercolors and pen & ink drawings by Leona Lamb. All of the artists are from Belen.

THE RIO RANCHO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT is sponsoring a wrestling class at Puesta del Sol Elementary School, 1100 Hood Road, Rio Rancho. Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 19 and ending March 31. Cost is \$15 a person. Registration will be held at the City Auditorium on Thursday, Jan. 14, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and on Saturday, Jan. 16, from noon to 2 p.m. Call Sam Defillippo at 892-6704, Ext. 48.

EAGLE DANCER GALLERY through December features pencil, pen and ink drawings by Alfonso Sandoval; Cochiti pottery, storytellers and nativity scenes by Snowflake Flower; miniature storytellers by Gary Tenorio; etchings and serigraphs by Amado Pena; wood sculptures by Urshel Taylor. The gallery is located at 323 Romero NW, No. 10.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INC. is offering an on-the-job training program in Valencia County for

agencies for a training period and the employer receives 50 percent wage reimbursement during that time. Applicants must possess a high school diploma or a equivalency certificate. Participants are given counseling and employment training skills such as interviewing techniques and resume writing. Employers interested in the program can call Luana Vigil at 865-4613.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, CHAPTER 29, in Belen is starting up a women's auxiliary and is taking membership applications. To be eligible, you must be: the wife, widow, mother, sister, daughter, granddaughter, grandmother or great-granddaughter of anyone who died or was wounded, gassed, injured or disabled in the line of duty while in the service of the military forces of the United States during a time of war. Call Lee Torilli, 864-3287, or Agnes Hogan, 864-6890.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS HOTLINE is a 24-hour hotline provided by Valencia County Alcoholics Anonymous and is for non-members seeking help or information. Call 865-3008.

THE NEW MEXICO CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF APPRAISERS has a speakers bureau available free of charge for clubs and other organizations. Speakers include experts in real estate, antiques, fine art, gems and jewelry, Indian art, machinery and equipment and other areas. Call Karen Inglis at 898-3239.

classes. The program is intended to stimulate children to want to learn, to develop a sense of worth and to become aware that each person is worthy of God's love and the love of other human beings. Call 864-6095.

REGISTRATION FOR A NEW WATER AEROBICS CLASS at the Rio Grande High School pool, 2300 Arenal SW, is open. The class is being held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 to 10 a.m. The cost is \$15 a month. Call 877-7021.

LOS LUNAS SCHOOLS COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL sponsors before- and after-school programs at the Bosque Farms, Raymond Gabaldon and Ann Parish schools in Los Lunas. Call Melodie Good, 865-4613.

THE SANDOVAL COUNTY COURTHOUSE will display local artists' work in the commission chambers on a revolving basis. Call Dolores Gutierrez at 867-2341 in the county manager's office for more information.

AN OVER-50 EXERCISE CLASS and an aquatics class are offered at Alameda Community Center, 9800 Fourth NW. Exercise class is Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Aquatic exercise is held Tuesdays and Thursdays at the University of New Mexico pool, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Transportation provided to and from the pool. A van leaves the center at 2 p.m. and returns at 4 p.m. To register, call 898-1414.

"Taking into consideration that the next year will be presidential year, registrars are needed to help get Valencia County residents registered in time to vote," Artiaga said in a news release.

Also, county residents are reminded that Jan. 5 is the deadline for declaration of candidacy for the upcoming municipal elections March 1.

Declarations can be made in the village or city clerk's office where the person is seeking office.

Sandoval County Honors Workers

BERNALILLO — Sandoval County honored its employees recently with a banquet and recognized outstanding workers in each department.

Sandra Maestas, an administrative assistant in the County Manager's Office, was named the county's first Employee of the Year.

Joanne McGlothlin, assistant county manager, said each department head submitted a written recommendation for one person to the employee board, but didn't identify the person's name.

The employee board then selected Maestas. It also named Eubedio Candelaria from the Road Department and Linda Fitzsimmons from the ambulance service as runners-up.

Also honored were Donna Lucero from the treasurer's office, Ed Gutierrez and Lorella Lovato from the assessor's office, Richard Mares from the Corrections Department and Steve Reynolds from the Sheriff's Department.

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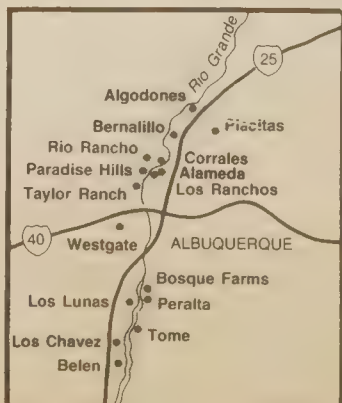
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Bank, Belen Share A Common Interest

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see it as a new bank.

"They just think of it as the bank they have known for all these years," she said. "It's the bank with good service that takes care of them."

Herlihy, who retired as senior vice president in 1977, was one of five bank employees in 1925.

Hired from a secretarial school in Albuquerque, Herlihy began her career with the bank as Becker's secretary.

"He was an excellent boss and a well-regarded banker," Herlihy said.

Becker became the bank's first president, one of only four in its 84-year history. The others were L.C. Becker and John C. Johnson.

Shortly after the bank opened, it moved into its own building in 1904 just north of its current site. A new building was built in 1914 on South Main.

And as the middle Rio Grande Valley grew so did the bank, which expanded and occupied a new building in 1961 also on South Main, where it remained until recently.

Foley said one of the reasons for the bank's success is the growth of Valencia County as well as its large geographical base.

At the beginning of the 19th century the Belen bank was one of the few lending institutions in the Southwest.

"I was astounded in the mid-'60s,



Jim Foley
Bank President

when I came here, to discover that six of our top 10 savings account customers were from eastern Arizona," Foley said. "They were rural people and they became comfortable banking here."

Ruby Wagner, an employee since 1950, says she knows of customers who come in from Datil, located about 40 miles southwest of Belen.

Along with being one of the only banking options available, Belen also became known as a mercantile center in the region with the Becker-Dalies mercantile store, which sold everything from coal to feed.



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Lobby of the new First National Bank building.

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County Was Once Licensed to Gamble

How about a friendly game of poker? Traditionally it isn't legal, but that's not to say it isn't done.

At one time in New Mexico however, certain types of gambling were legal—if you had a license.

In the early 1900s and perhaps before, licenses were issued in Valencia County for poker, monte and 'roulette.'

The major portion of the gaming licenses in the county were in San Rafael, according to the old book of gaming and liquor license records in the county clerk's office in courthouse in Los Lunas.

Among others in San Rafael, there were two licenses for monte. According to the Random House dictionary, Monte is a gambling game played with a 40-card pack in which players bet that one of two layouts, each consisting of two cards drawn from either the top or bottom of the deck and turned face up, will be matched in suit by the next card turned up.

According to another source—a local resident with a reputation of being an 'old hand' at cards—there were variations of the game. Some played with the full 52-card deck and there were 'local' rules. Monte is Spanish for mountain, hence, heap (of cards).

Torreón and Tajique which were part of Valencia County were among the precincts listed where gaming licenses were issued. Mirabal and Barela had a monte game in Tajique in 1923.

Lacey and McGuire paid for a license for roulette in

Belen. One year, they were listed as 'Lacey and McWire.' Also in Belen, gaming licenses were paid for by Charles Baker in 1903 and by L. H. Bishop. A. A. Coe had a roulette table.

In San Rafael, Romulo Barela and Zacarias Padilla had licenses for monte, Mirabal and Padilla for 'gambling' and Silvestre Gabaldon for a poker game.

Some paid \$200 for the gaming licenses; others paid \$100.

There were none listed for Los Lunas, but from what some of the old timers say, that doesn't mean there wasn't gambling in the village and surrounding areas.

At the time, there were no gambling houses as such, but tables were usually in the bars or stores and sometimes in hotels. Through 1901, the sheriff received a commission from gaming and liquor license fees, presumably for collecting the fees.

The last gaming license listed in the old book was for Zacarias Padilla, from Kuly, 1907 to July, 1908.

There were liquor licenses in just about every precinct in the county and those precincts included Tome Abajo, Tome Arriba, Pinos Wells and Marino Station, Punta de Agua, Monzano, Abo Pass, Mountainair, Rio Puerco, Thoreau, Willard, Estancia, Las Constanca, as well as those which now exist.

Feil and Ellermeyer had a liquor license in Belen and Louis Huning in Los Lunas. Joe Bell and Co. was another Belen licensee.

Through the years be-

tween 1901 and 1919 licenses were issued to Jesus C. Sanchez in Tome Abajo, Daniel Lucero in 'Upper Tome,' Onesima Luna and Chavez y Luna in Los Lunas and Adolph Didier and later, Entienne and Estevan Didier in Belen. Others were for Gabriel Gonzales, Seboyeta; Narcisco Pino, Cubero; Policarp Sanchez of Peralta, Garcia and Alderete of Valencia; Felipe Trujillo, Los Cerros; Romero and Jaramillo, Los Lunas; Jose Artiga, Los Lentes; Desiderio Sandoval of Seboyeta; G. Mirabal and Bro., Punta de Agua; Elias Francis and Co. of Seboyeta.

Also, John Becker of Belen; Vicente Lobato, Rio Puerco, Juan de Dios Salas of Pinos Wells, Tranquilino Romero of La Costancia; Tomas Bachicha of Pinos Wells, Miguel E. Baca, Ranchos de Tome and Tome Abajo; Pedro Chaves, Casa

Colorado; Leopoldo Jaramillo of San Fernandes, Emiliano Castillo and Acasio T. Romer, both of Los Lunas, Simon Bibbo of Grants, Liberto Marquez of Moquino, Worman and Romero and Tranquilino Otero of Peralta and Monica Aranda and the Southwestern Brewing of Belen.

All are familiar names connected with the history of the county and many of their descendants still reside in the county.

Liquor license fees varied. In Belen, they were \$200 and then were raised to \$400 in 1911.

Now, in Belen, the fee is \$150 every six months for package liquor stores and \$200 for lounges. Which proves inflation hasn't hit everywhere.

But it has hit county licenses, which were raised from \$200 to \$301 last year.

Chavez-Curran VFW Post Honors Belen Veterans

BELÉN—The Veterans of Foreign Wars Chavez-Curran Post 2387 was organized in April, 1945. Its Ladies Auxiliary was started in 1962.

Originally 2387 was called Horace Chavez Post. It was named after Cpl. Horace Chavez, who was captured at the fall of Bataan. He was later killed.

In 1976, the name was changed to Chavez-Curran Post. This time it was to honor Capt. John Curran of Belen. He was a helicopter pilot killed in Vietnam.

The members of the post meet once a month on the third Monday. The Auxiliary meets on the second Monday of each month.

The VFW is a non-profit, fraternal organization dedicated to the assistance of veterans and their widows and children.

It is composed of veterans who have done overseas duty in a war zone and were honorably discharged. The Auxiliary is composed of veteran's wives, daughters and sisters.

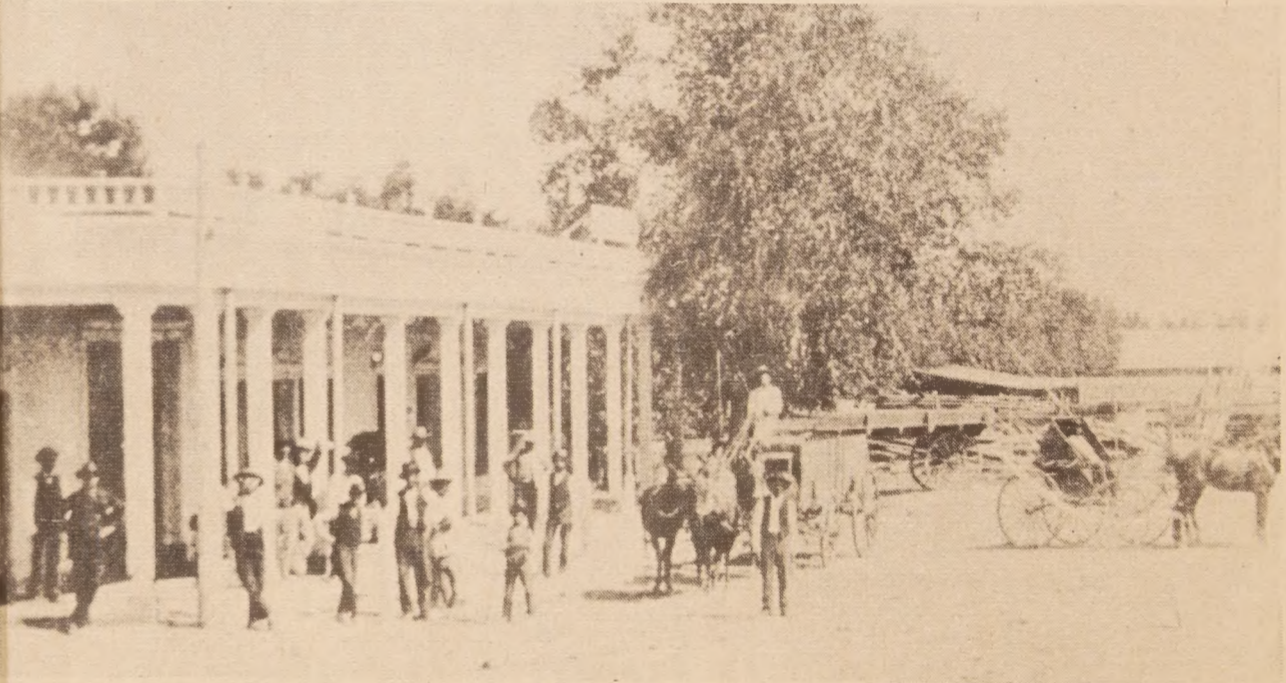


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Gone but not Forgotten

The Belen Roller Mill, another landmark that disappeared to make way for progress, was built in 1884. It was

located where the Cream Queen now stands.



Afternoon at the Mercantile

Huning Mercantile, one of the valley's oldest firms, looked like this in the 1890s. Horse drawn wagons and

buggies brought customers who purchased supplies, tools, and other items. The firm is still run by family members.



This was the First National Bank, shortly after construction in 1914.

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First National Bank was Here First

BELÉN—The First National Bank of Belen was also the first bank in Belen.

John Becker, the founder of the bank, was a native of Hanover, Germany. He gradually worked his way west until he arrived in Los Lunas where his cousins Louis and Henry Huning had a store.

He took over a branch store in Belen for a short time. Realizing the great opportunity of a store in Belen he quit his job with Huning Mercantile and opened his own store in 1877, and brought his bride to Belen by stagecoach in 1880.

He laid out the original townsite of Belen and built a store, post office and forage business on the site of the original Becker-Dalies store.

With the coming of the railroad, the west was rapidly settled and business flourished. Becker had provided banking service for

the townspeople in his store for many years. In 1903 he organized and opened the First National Bank of Belen with a capital of \$25,000.

The new bank was housed in part of the original store building. In 1905, John Becker's son, L.C. Becker, began work in the bank and in

1914 the bank was moved across the street.

On April 16, 1961 the bank relocated in its new facility at the present location.

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